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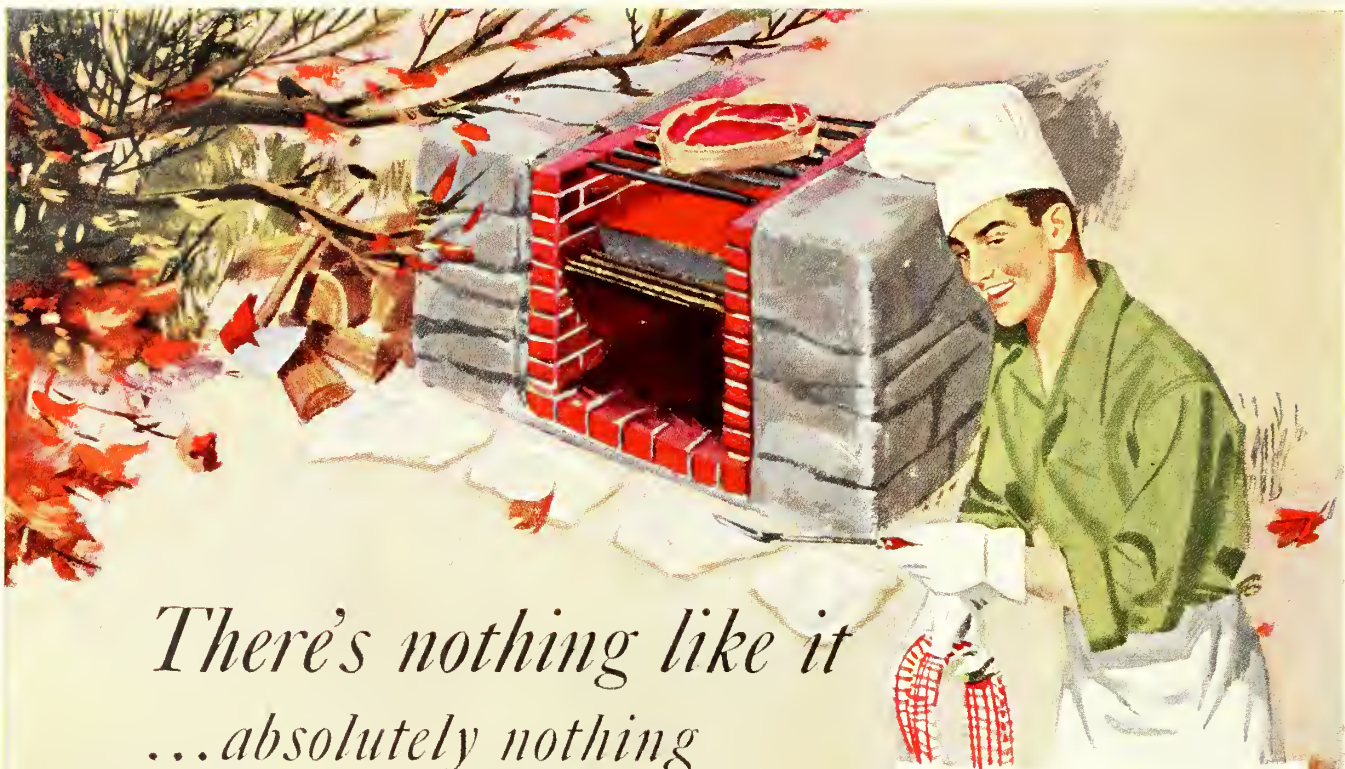
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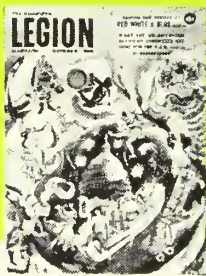
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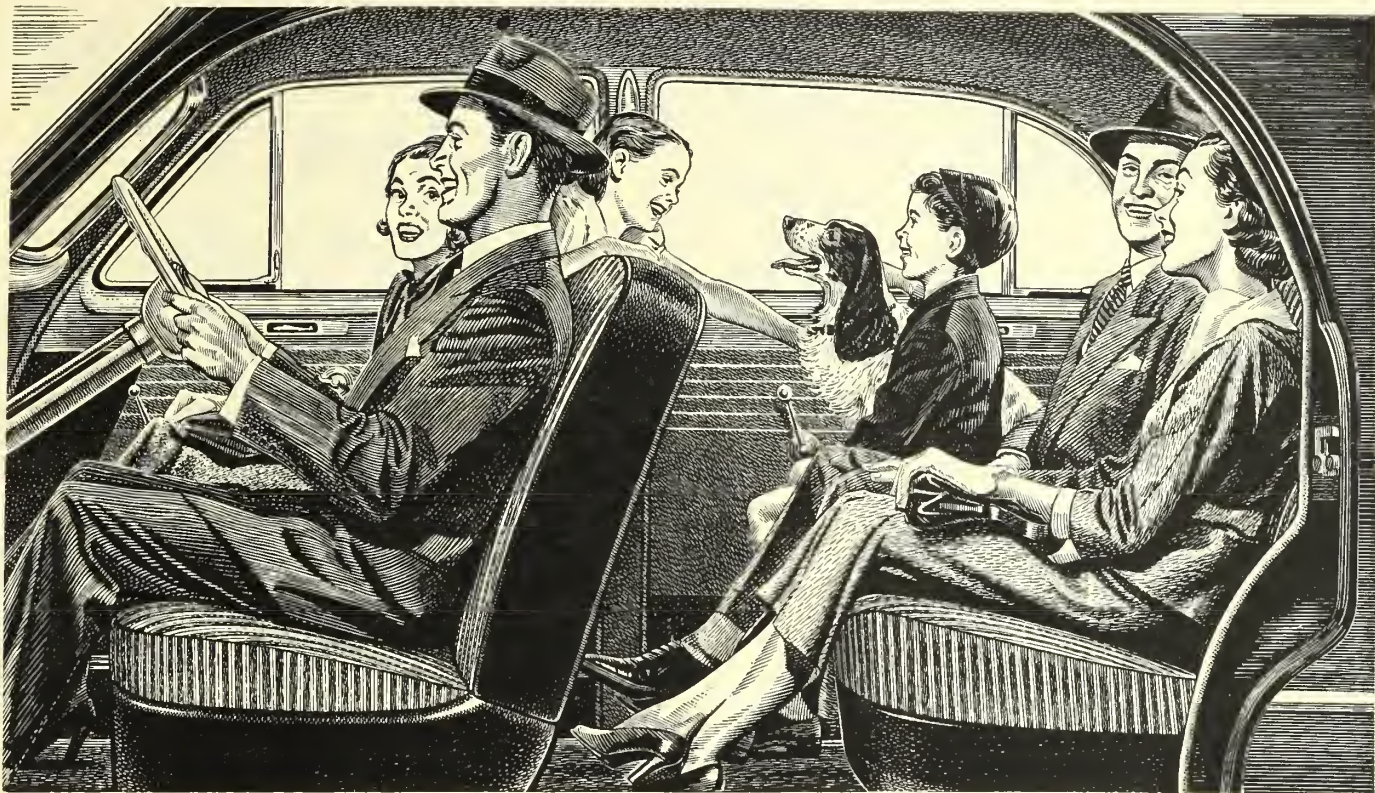
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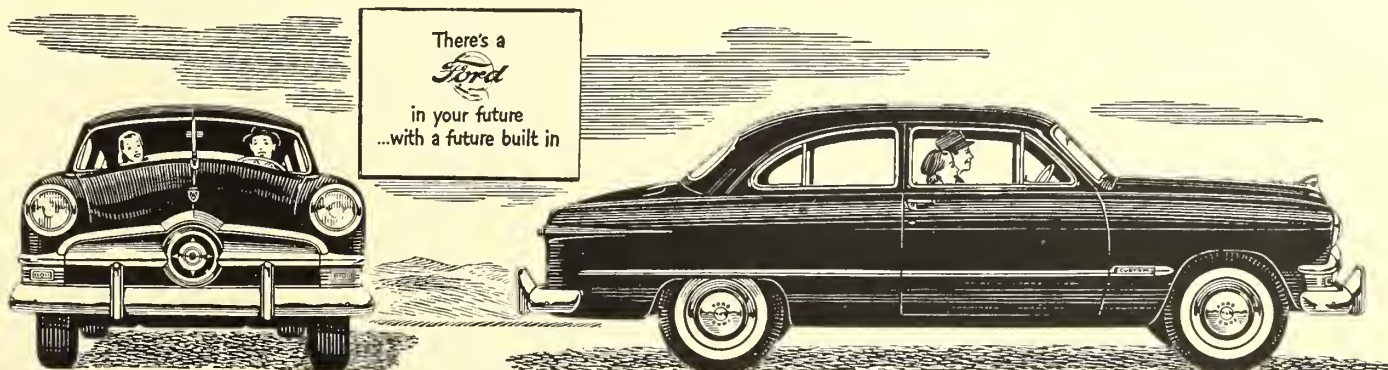
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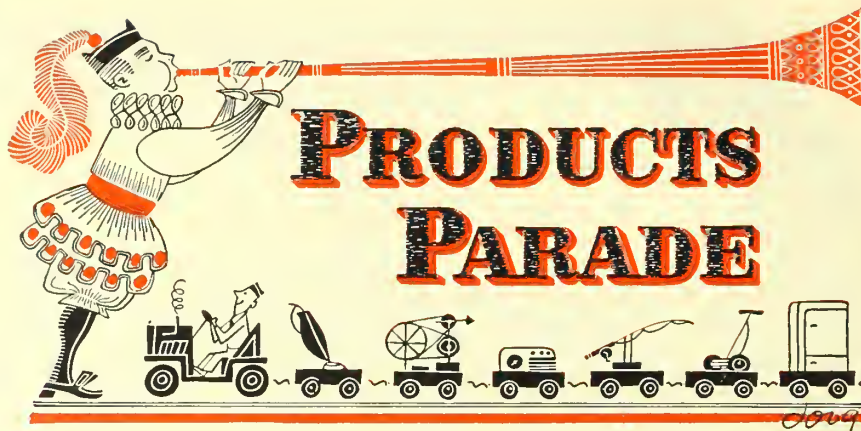
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A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

SUPER-SURFACE FOR WOOD. A new kind of plastic coating which gives wood a hard, marble-smooth surface, resistant to nearly every sort of rough treatment, has been developed by U. S. Industrial Chemicals, Inc., and will soon be on the market. The coatings, which contain the company's new plastic FX-131, will first be available to commercial furniture manufacturers and later to the general public. Wood surfaces treated with this new finish are said to be unaffected by spilled cocktails or smoldering cigarettes. Even nail polish and nail polish remover, ruinous to most wood finishes, have no effect on wood coated with FX-131. And, since such a surface is virtually scratchproof, the use of the plastic coating on tables, floors, and other wood surfaces where there are children will give a considerably longer life to home furnishings. Other advantages are that it has amazing drying speed — it can be recoated in less than an hour — and despite its hardness it is not brittle and subject to cracking.



FOR SLIDE FILM ENTHUSIASTS. If you want to inject a strong note of nostalgia into your slide film showings, the Nickolodeon Co., New Flidner Bldg., Portland, Ore., is offering a selection of color slides that will take your audiences back to pre-World War I days. Old-time movie-goers will recall some of the slide subjects: "Ladies will please remove their hats," "The baby left in the lobby is crying," "Gentlemen will please refrain from smoking, spitting or using profane language during the performance," and "If you have an uncovered automobile on the outside it is raining." These howlers and many others are being sold for 50¢ each postpaid.

A GUN WITH A PEACEFUL AIM. When Lawrence Vita was serving overseas with the 3rd Combat Engineers of the 24th Division he gave a lot of thought to home construction. Some of the ideas he thought of then are being extensively used in this field, and now he has a new one which looks promising. This is a Mortar Gun which makes it a simple matter to spread mortar on cement block, cinder block and hollow tile without wastage. The gun consists of a small cone-shaped container with a one-inch hole in the small end. A one-inch screw runs the length of the container and, driven by an electric motor, feeds the mortar out of the opening in a neat, evenly distributed manner. Vita reports that a cinder block house he built on Long Island showed a saving of \$956 in labor because of the Mortar Gun. Available from Vita Labor Saving Tools, Inc., Smithtown Branch, N. Y., the gun is priced at \$89.50.



FOR SAFER SCHOOL DAYS. If you see a bus rolling along the road with what appears to be a stop-and-go traffic signal mounted on it, watch your step. In all likelihood it's a school bus equipped with Fred S. Martin's invention. Martin, who lives at 1827 W. Melrose St., Chicago 13, developed the safety light for school buses to give both kids and motorists a better break. When the bus comes to a stop the red light of the signal is flashed on before the kids pop out of the vehicle. So prominent is the light that even day-dreaming motorists can't miss it. And, of course, it should mean fewer traffic tickets for those who sometimes pass stopped school buses. The complete outfit sells for \$55, and Martin plans to have them made by disabled veterans.

BETTER GARBAGE DISPOSAL. A new kind of garbage container which is secured above ground so its contents are not readily accessible to dogs, rats and insects is being introduced by C & J Industries, Moline, Ill. The container is called a Garbage Safe, it is square in shape, made of heavy steel, with a capacity of 15 gallons. The garbage is held in waterproof paper bags which can be removed from the bottom into the collector's basket by means of a sliding bottom. The Garbage Safe sells for \$12.50 prepaid, with a universal mounting bracket.



FOOD BAGS. Elsewhere in this issue Kitty York in her "Memo to the Ladies" tells how best to cash in on a home freezer. For deep freezers of long standing as well as for those who just have refrigerators there's a new convenience available in the form of inexpensive plastic bags. The bags which are made of flexible Bakelite polyethylene can be used to hold fresh or frozen vegetables, meat, poultry, sandwiches, cheese, cold cuts, bread and bakery goods of all kinds. Made by Shore Line Industries, Inc., Clinton, Conn., the bags come in various sizes from a 6 by 7-inch container holding a pint, to an 18 by 21-inch bag holding 12 quarts. Prices range from 10¢ to 35¢.

TALLIES YOUR GOLF SCORE. A hand-size adding machine specially designed for golfers is being offered by De-Vel, Inc., Pleasantville, Pa. Called the Forscor, it is a round plastic device which permits you to record each stroke for 18 holes of play. To record the stroke all you have to do is rotate a disc set into the rim of the gadget, and there's a disc for each of the 18 holes. The Forscor retails for \$1.50.



WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT DEPT. We don't know how many children are interested in hunting for uranium ore, but in case you know of any they can get themselves equipped with a Geiger counter for \$17.50. It comes in what is called a Raytector Kit, and the outfit includes the counter, a selection of atomic ores and instructions for use. Apparently it's up to the youngster to supply his own burro, pickaxe and shovel. The Raytector is being offered by Batson Electronics, Inc., 1031 S. 27th St., Omaha, Neb.

FROZEN RADIATOR WEATHER COMING. An efficient method of keeping one's car from freezing in an unheated garage is employed in the Infra-Red Hood Heater being offered by the Wagner-Green Co., 1935 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15. The heater consists of three mushroom-type infra-red lamps mounted in a bracket which is suspended over the hood of the automobile. Heat concentrated on the hood not only keeps the radiator from freezing but assures easy starts on cold mornings. The complete outfit, with eight feet of cord, sells for \$8.95. The electrical connections have the approval of the Underwriters' Laboratories.



LIKE LICKING ENVELOPES? If you don't like the flavor of the adhesive being used on envelopes and labels these days you'll be interested in an unusual gadget being introduced by Northeastern Plastics, Inc., 588 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 15. Resembling an overgrown fountain pen with a sponge-rubber roller for a "point," the device feeds water to the adhesive surface. A slight squeeze of the flexible Bakelite polyethylene tube starts the water flowing into the rubber roller and it continues to flow at an even rate as it is moved across the gummed surfaces. It will be sold in stationery and chain variety stores for 25¢.

HAVING BUDGET TROUBLE? For householders who find it hard to keep track of their income and outgo, and who can't be bothered with complicated systems of budgeting, a simplified kit has just been placed on the market that may be helpful. Called the Little-Fuss Budget, it consists of an unusual budget book with a number of bound envelopes for payments and receipts, and also a three-year calendar, a pad and pencil. Designed to keep your budget under control for three years, the kit will take \$2.95 out of your budget to begin with and can be obtained from Leo Christian Henriksen, P. O. Box 251, Monrovia, Cal.

SO YOUR GUESTS CAN SMILE PRETTILY. In case your guests are accustomed to dropping in without bringing their tooth brushes, you can get the situation under control with a colorful kit called the Guest Chest. This is an assortment of eight nylon tooth brushes, each with a capsule of tooth powder, all packed in a clear plastic container. For the entire kit the price is \$1.25 postpaid from The Kabil Co., 1515 Cross Roads of the World, Hollywood 28.

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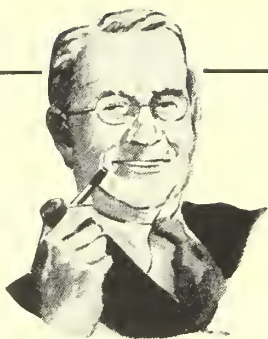
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From where I sit by Joe Marsh

Ought To "Polish Up" Her Traffic Manners!

Spent most of yesterday over at the Court House. "Tiny" Fields, the biggest and fastest-talking of our three policemen, was holding forth about his traffic troubles.

"Women drive just as good as men do," Tiny said, "and just as bad. For instance—a girl out there in a convertible today. She started a three-block tie-up all by herself.

"She's creeping down Main Street—left hand stuck out and sort of waving around. Never turns right or left, never stops. But, of course, everyone behind her thinks she's signaling about something. Nobody dares to pass. When I stop her and ask what's up, she smiles sweetly and explains she's drying her nail polish!"

From where I sit, that girl's typical of certain other folks who are so wrapped up in themselves, they never notice they're not being fair to others. Our neighbor has a *right* to drive in safety—just as he has a right to enjoy a glass of temperate beer. Let's all respect the other fellow's rights.

Joe Marsh

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the Editors' Corner



THE SOURCE OF WOMEN'S POWER

When we were first married (fourteen happy years ago, dear) our wife took over the spending of the household money and spent it very well, in lean times and lush. Though only a bride, she knew, with that baffling insight women have, that she could spend the money on any old thing at all as long as it was what we wanted.

Thus for fourteen years (happy ones, too, dear) the breakfast table has had, for papa, 1 glass orange juice, 1 egg on toast, 3 extra slices toast, butter, coffee, sugar, cream, salt, pepper, a glass of cold water and 1 vitamin tablet. That's how papa always had it before and that's how he has it now.

Mamma buys papa the same brand of toothpaste and shaving cream he used in bachelor days, and mamma learned, while still engaged, to smoke papa's favorite brand of cigarettes.

We have often switched brands of coffee, in fact mamma has sampled fresh brands every time papa complained about the kind we were using, and kept sampling until papa said he liked *that* kind. Mamma really knows brand names, because papa knows what he likes and mamma makes it a point to remember what that is.

Mamma's taste is the best. Barn red was just right for our house, she said. And papa sat down with mamma's uncle to pick a good brand of barn red paint. When we bought a new car recently papa picked the brand and style and mamma picked the color and seat covers—in mutual confidence.

Meals are trying things for mamma to plan. *She* likes almost everything but *we* are fussy, so buying food is a terrible task for her—papa's taste is so darned finicky. Mamma takes the car to the filling station for lubrication and periodic overhaul while papa is at the office, bless her. She takes it where papa asks her and has done to it what papa writes down. Love that gal!

Brother, never underestimate the power of a woman! One reason we love mamma so much after all these years is that she has so unfailingly learned and remembered all our queer, cranky tastes and never forgotten them once. Even when we returned from two years in the Pacific she hadn't forgotten a one of our whims.

Are there really men who have to drive cars they don't like, smoke cigarettes that taste like hay to them, wear queer-styled clothes, drink coffee that feels like mud in the mouth, use toothpaste that sickens them and wash with overscented soap because the little woman buys what she darn pleases? It seems to us that such

women would quickly lose the power they usually exercise so cleverly over us simple fellows and soon have neither a man to buy for, nor his income to spend.

On page 16 Donald Robinson has more to say on this subject in an article called *Who Buys at Your House?*

THE MODERN ART OF VIRGIL PARTCH

Last night we thumbed through an outdated copy of another magazine. Most of the letters to the editor griped about a previous issue which had once again given several pages over to "modern art."

"It ain't art!" screamed the readers.

"How come it looks like art to you and not to me?" they raged.

"Fraud!" they said.

"My six-year-old does better," they added.

Well? Why do some magazines keep printing with a straight face something their readers keep saying is silly? That's the reason! "Hey, boss, shall we follow up on this modern art piece? Lookit all the mail it drew!"

One artist we react to favorably is that great craftsman of the common man, Virgil Partch, ex-corporal, A.U.S. You can see what Partch means in his pictures. We who would like to take a bite out of the dining room table once in a while out of sheer irritation find in Maestro Partch an expression of the true inner man.

He is us. We never see the backs of our heads—Partch leaves them off. Our noses are closest to our eyes, and Partch shows them in true proportion to real life. This month we give you a chapter from Partch's life, *The Private War of Corporal Partch* (page 20). Little else is known about him. He is youngish in looks, wears thick glasses and he does and does not look like his drawings.

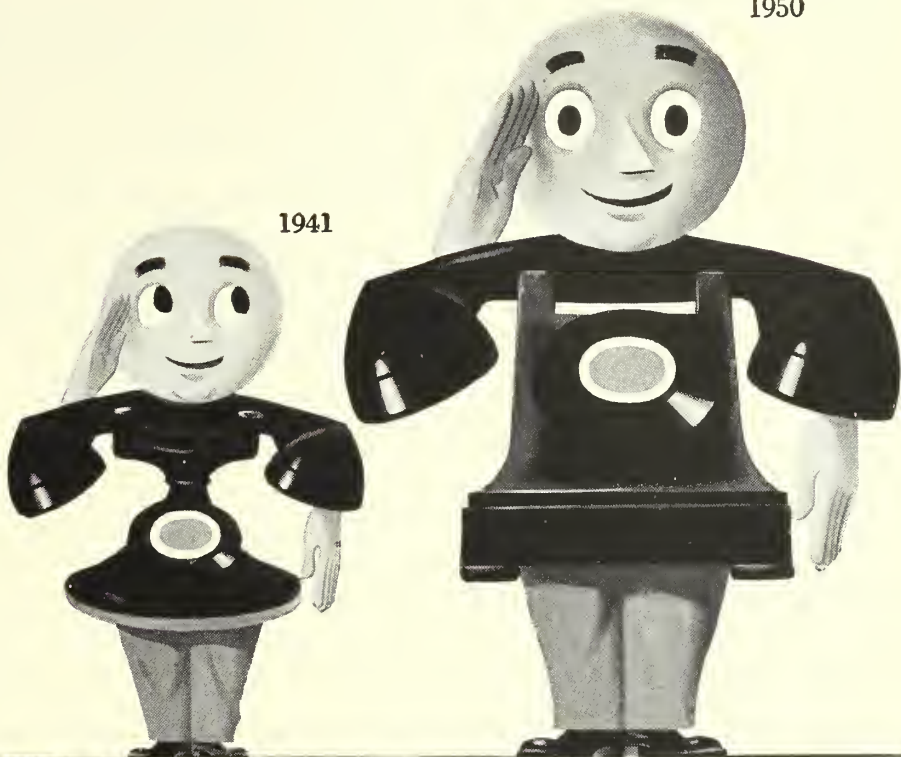
A JOB FOR A WEST COAST POST

Leonard Morange Post 464 of Bronxville, N. Y., has a job for one or more Posts on the West Coast, preferably near San Francisco or another major Pacific port.

Until last July Morange Post and Bronxville's Red Cross Branch, by local collection and through arrangements with major news distributing agencies and magazine publishers, delivered thousands of magazines to the Red Cross for shipment to GI's overseas. But in July the postage problem involved in getting collections across this continent stopped deliveries to American boys in the Pacific Islands and Asia. One or more West Coast Posts that can work directly with a Red Cross chapter are needed to operate from the Pacific side of the nation. The Morange program is a superior one of its kind because several Post and Red Cross members are executives in the magazine world, and have been able to enlist unusual cooperation from news distributors and magazine publishers, adding unsold newsstand stock to local collections. West Coast Posts interested in learning details may write Mr. Arch Crawford, Leonard Morange Post of the American Legion, Bronxville, N. Y. Crawford is president of the National Association of Magazine Publishers.

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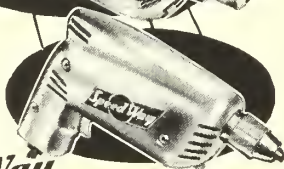


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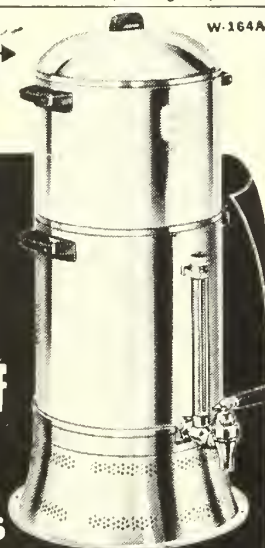
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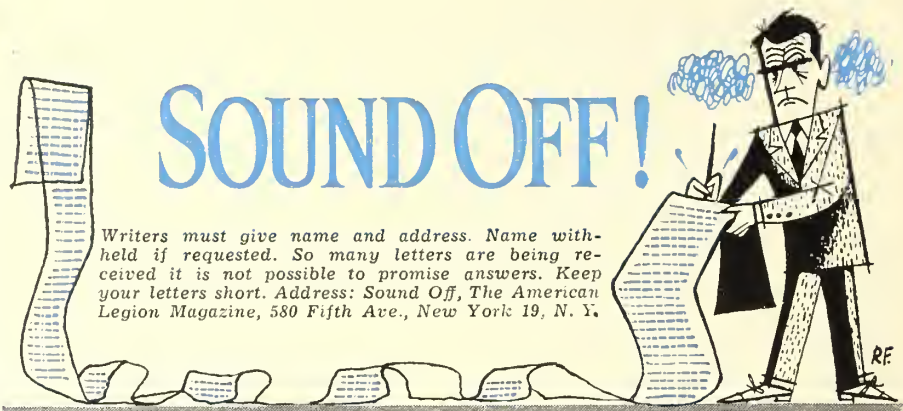
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THOSE 52,000 DEFERMENTS

Have just finished reading June issue story, *I Signed Draft Deferments for 52,000 Men.*

From 1940 to 1947 my job was Chief Clerk of one of the largest boards here in the Bronx, N. Y. City. I agree with the writer that we Local Board folks did not know what was going on in these projects. We sure wanted to induct these men, but the old 42 Deferments came in, or else 'phone calls from Headquarters stopped us. The names mentioned in the story bring back old memories.

Louis Elfin
Bronx, N. Y.

BOTSFORD'S PALATE TICKLERS

The only comment I can add to Harry Botsford's excellent article, *What Has Happened to American Cooking?* is Amen! My family background is Pennsylvania Dutch and my wife is of German descent, so most of the simple but delightfully delicious dishes mentioned by Mr. Botsford will be found on our table quite regularly. Believe me, nothing is more satisfying than to come home after several days of traveling and eating in some of the so-called finest restaurants and sit down to a meal of vegetables fresh from our garden and cooked in the plain and simple manner that is the trademark of really fine food.

R. L. Ohle
Erie, Penna.

HOSPITALS THAT GOOD?

Just a line of thanks for publishing the letter sent in by James T. Patterson of Pennsylvania concerning the Vets hospital here, and that of Elizabeth R. Shoemaker of New York.

I was graduated from Wilmington High School last June, and during the month of June I went to visit the Vets hospital with a group of entertainers from school.

I noticed the beautiful auditorium and stage at the hospital, especially. The ground around it is landscaped beautifully, also. At the time we were there I wondered about the treatment the patients received, and it does my young heart good to read such letters in *Sound Off!* praising not only the hospital, but the treatment also.

My brother is a patient at the Coatesville, Pennsylvania Vets hospital, and I'd like to offer a word of praise for this hospital, too. He says the doctors, nurses and attendants all treat him swell. The hos-

pital couldn't be any more attractive, no matter what was done.

Keep up the good work — you're making life a lot pleasanter for many Vets.

Jeanette Dugan
Wilmington, Del.

I recently was a patient at the Veterans Hospital at Mt. Alto, Washington, D. C. I was in a very critical condition, and was given a very short time to live, but came through thanks to faith and prayers, and the splendid attention I received, from Dr. MacKay and Dr. Corson. The staff of this hospital is wonderful, and all take time to make sure that the patient is comfortable. It seems that they cannot do enough for you. When I say the staff, I mean the attendants, office and kitchen help, and all that may have anything to do with the patients. I am feeling fine and better than ever.

Samuel C. Zeoli
Silver Spring, Md.

ATTENTION, MOTORISTS

Congratulations to writer George H. Waltz, Jr. for his excellent article in your July issue, *Your Car's Liquid Diet.* It's good to see a magazine going "all out" to enlighten the public on gasolines, antifreezes, motor oils, greases and hydraulic brake fluid.

It is Mr. Waltz's discussion of hydraulic brake fluid that makes his article a significant "first." It is a warning every motorist should heed, and all your subscribers should re-read, concerning the dangers and perils faced by the motorist who drives with unsafe, inferior brake fluid — completely unaware of the fact!

Mr. Waltz confessed that prior to his broad research work on this article, he never gave much thought to the hydraulic brake fluid in his car. The author can rest assured this is a universal trait of American motorists . . . as confirmed by an extensive survey conducted by a leading manufacturer of brake fluid, the Puritan Company of Rochester, N. Y. Of 2,000 master brake cylinders checked, 73.14% needed additional brake fluid, 24.7% needed a complete change of fluid and 2.75% contained NO brake fluid whatsoever!

A good "safety" creed for Mr. Motorist to observe is: Have the serviceman check the level of the brake fluid once a month, change fluid twice a year.

Albert H. Thomas
Rochester, N. Y.



Sure as the Birds Fly South

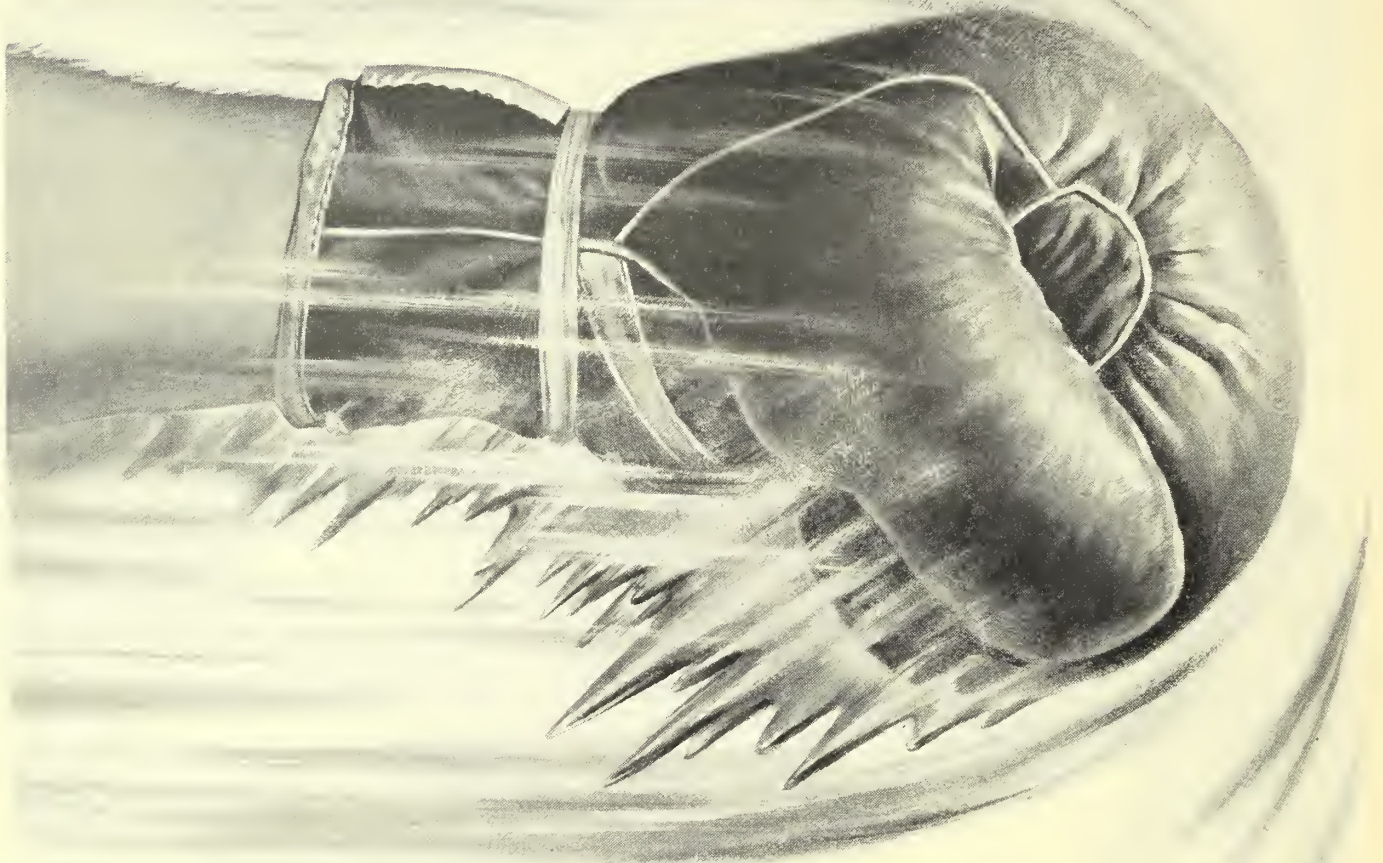
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At the scuffle of feet in the barroom the Judge sprang up. This was it. The Dasons had Eddie boxed at the bar

THE LAW and THE GUN

Bitterly the Judge held out for law by the book.

But while the West still held a cocked gun laws weren't worth a damn without officers of nerve

By KENNETH FOWLER

“EIGH AND DELIBERATE.” That was the Judge's favorite advice — and like a man struggling to ram a square peg into a round hole he was trying to make it fit the case of my brother, Eddie Bence. But when you're a deputy town marshal, like Eddie, you don't do much weighing and deliberating in that thin-spun moment when you face up to



"Bedammed to your damnyankee ordinance, Mister!" the cowpoke gritted. Eddie

ELLIE TOLBERT. She loved Eddie Bence, the gun-totin' deputy marshal



(continued)

THE LAW and THE GUN

a man with his hand poised over a gun butt. A man tightened up to kill, and kill fast . . .

Until just recently relations between the Judge and myself had been on a strictly juridical basis. But in the past week a bitter feud had flared up between us, and from sounds now emanating from the *sanctum sanctorum*—the scuffling of heavy Congress boots pacing the bare floor, a series of muffled grunts accompanied by an occasional ominous snort—I knew that the long threatening storm was about to break, and break, in all probability, over my head.

The summons came sooner than I had expected.

"Tolbert!"

Judge Andrew Jackson Strong could still cow a jury with that intolerable bellow, but I'd been reading law under him now for more than a year, and had lost my awe of it.

I got up from my cubbyhole desk and entered his office.

"Yes, Sir?"

The Judge's extraordinary abdomen bulged over the arms of his outsized swivel chair, in which he sat gingerly tilted back, as if in fear of its imminent collapse. He spoke from behind his roll-topped desk barricade without glancing up from the stapled sheaf of legal papers in which he appeared to be engrossed.

"Laches," he threw at me sharply.

"Negligence in the performance of a legal duty," I answered.

The papers crackled as he turned a page.

"Tort."

"Any private or civil wrong which by act or omission gives—"

"Pfah! Enough of that. Any dunce can recite from memory." His keen, birdlike blue eyes pecked at me over the steel rims of his spectacles. He heaved violently, and the chair rocked forward. "Where's Eddie?" he demanded with an abrupt change of pace.

"At Tom Lockman's office, I guess. Or out on day patrol."

"I want to see him," the Judge snapped.

"I'm afraid that wouldn't do any good, Sir," I ventured. "Eddie's—"

"I'll be the judge of that!" Irascibly, he flung down the fold of papers and nailed them to the desk with a pound of his fist. "I happen to be my granddaughter's legal guardian, Tolbert. She can't marry Eddie Bence or anyone else without my consent."

"No, Sir," I agreed gently. "Not until next month."

He glowered at me. "So Eddie's counting the days, is he?" Then, before I could answer, he exploded: "My legal responsibility toward her may end in a month, Tolbert, but my moral accountability does not. And I have no intention of permitting my granddaughter to marry an irresponsible young nincompoop who may be shot dead on the street the day after he heads her to the altar."

ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN McDERMOTT



ook a step and there was the hard, knocking sound of two shots

I knew what was on his mind. It was long before my time of awareness of such things that his own daughter, Abby, had eloped with Roy Lockman, Marshal Tom Lockman's son. A few months later, Roy, a Texas Ranger, had been killed in a reckless gun duel with a band of cattle thieves. Weakened by grief, Abby had died in childbirth, and the Judge had gone down to Texas to bring back the baby, Ellie. A few days after his return his wife had died of shock and bereavement, and claiming Tom Lockman had helped Abby to elope, he'd laid all the blame at Tom's door, and hadn't spoken to his old friend since . . .

I looked at him and felt a sharp twinge of pity suddenly. His brooding gaze was fixed vacantly on the framed portrait of Edmund Burke which hung above his desk. The English statesman was the Judge's ideal, and in the ugly black walnut bookcase behind the desk well-thumbed volumes of Burke occupied a shelf of honor under a forbidding plaster bust of Blackstone.

The Judge's old wound was festering anew, and now, with history about to repeat itself, he was fighting a losing battle with his conscience.

Suddenly he seemed to rouse, and his gunflint eyes rammed back at me.

"Your brother," he wheezed out pontifically, "has been working behind my back to snare the emotions of an immature girl. But I shall gird up my loins for battle, Tolbert!" I stared dubiously at the anatomical region in question as he went on, rolling his words out sonorously: "He that

wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper'."

I had no difficulty recognizing the source of the quotation. The works of Burke were compulsory reading in the Judge's office, and now a bit of Burke flashed into my own head.

"Burke also said, Sir, that you can never plan the future by the past."

"I think you need not elaborate on that theme, Tolbert!" The Judge stared at me icily. "Your reasoning, unfortunately, is as specious as the proverb from which you might have quoted: *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*—'of the dead speak nothing but good'." He rocked back in the big chair, his chunky legs dangling pendulously. "In our profession, however, we must view objectively—we cannot permit ourselves to be seduced by sentimental drivel. We must weigh and deliberate, Tolbert, sifting the chaff of irrelevancy from the hard and perhaps bitter kernel of fact."

"Yes, Sir. But—"

"A young squirt with a gun at his hip," the Judge cut me off peremptorily, "lacks both the capacity and the desire to deliberate. He—"

"But wouldn't you say, Sir," I broke in rashly, "that there is a difference between not thinking at all, and thinking quickly, under pressure?"

"Poppycock! A gun marshal thinks of only one thing—kill or be killed. He's a brainless machine acting purely from instinct." With an abruptly dismissive gesture he reached into a drawer and (Continued on page 60)

JUDGE Andrew Jackson Stone, Ellie's grandpa. He hated all men with guns



THE MEN THE COMMIES

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has always been Number One on the commie hate parade. This article tells why it rates red venom and our gratitude.

By EUGENE LYONS



WORKING QUIETLY and for the most part without making headlines, the

WITH EVERY SHIFT in Moscow's "party-line," the comrades abroad reshuffle their table of priorities for red vilification. But top rating in the U.S.A. has been held for over a dozen years by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Ever since its launching in 1938, this Congressional body has been public enemy number one for communists and their entourage of me-too liberals.

Their attack has been systematic, reckless, ferocious. A Congressman

who accepts a place on the committee, though he be as demonstratively liberal as was Jerry Voorhis of California, knows that he is staking his good name and peace of mind. "It is the penalty of service on the committee," Representative Richard B. Vail told the House on April 1, 1948, "to be reviled and blasphemed by persons and groups sympathetic to the aims of the Soviet Union." He spoke from ample personal experience.

But the battalions of mud-gunners are by no means limited to friends of

the Soviets. Plenty of Americans with no special love for the Kremlin have helped along in the organized assault. The cheapest way to establish or confirm a reputation for "liberalism" in these years has been to empty another bucket of slimy water on this committee. The label being useful and fashionable, many newspapers, commentators, thousands of shallow "intellectuals" have rushed to buy it at this bargain price.

In January, 1949, for instance, 313 "educators, writers, scientists, artists

SELF-STYLED "liberals" and leading political figures deplored the exposure of smug Alger Hiss. The committee first put the spotlight on Hiss



THESE CONSPIRATORS PUT ON THEIR ACT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE



Eugene Dennis



Benjamin Davis



J. Williamson



Harry Winston



Jack Stachel



Wm. Z. Foster

THESE WORTHIES ALSO SHOWED THEIR TRUE COLORS



Leon Josephson



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John Howard Lawson

HATE MOST



House Un-American Activities Committee has spearheaded the fight against subversion

and clergymen" (to quote the *Daily Worker's* proud inventory) signed one of the standard demands that the committee be abolished. With inexcusable stupidity, most of them were blithely unaware that they were stooging for communists and fellow-travelers with a vested interest in frustrating *any* investigation of subversion and espionage. While these people objected to the committee's methods, those who rounded up the signatures were scared of the committee's *objectives*.

Unhappily communist smears have

an immense resonance. One finds an honest radical like Norman Thomas referring off-handedly in print to the committee's supposed "hysterical and irresponsible character assassination." One finds *The Progressive*, a Wisconsin journal founded by the elder Senator LaFollette, giving over its cover (April, 1948) to a vicious cartoon smearing the committee. It showed a skinny little witness, gagged and bound, and towering over him a beefy bully of a Congressman shouting, "So you won't talk, eh?" Peeping out of a

wastebasket, of course, was the scrapped Bill of Rights.

This grotesque stereotype is the end-product of long years of careful misrepresentation. Its uncritical acceptance by *The Progressive* has a dimension of irony: The LaFollette Committee (under the younger LaFollette) in the middle Thirties followed the same general procedures as the Un-American (Continued on page 42)



J. PETERS, a notorious red agent, emotes annoyance on being served with a subpoena



LIKE SO MANY others, William W. Remington denied he was a commie

THESE SMIRKING movie writers and producers, accompanied by their attorneys, thought it was a great joke. Many are now in jail



WHEN THE COMMITTEE turned its attention to Hollywood, press agents for certain people turned it into a circus

Who Buys at Your House?

The experts are finding out that the purchasing agent in most homes is papa. So the stores are going all out to please him



THE RESEARCHERS learned that men

By DONALD ROBINSON

A LEGIONNAIRE in Dallas, Tex., a beribboned veteran who went through the H-Hour invasion of Normandy without a shiver, almost fainted the other day. A letter he received from a local store was too much for him.

The letter, handwritten and scented with a delicate perfume, told how

greatly Neiman-Marcus, the classiest department store in town, appreciated him—not his wife, mind you—as a patron and asked him to come to a party in honor of the concern's best customers.

"I can't believe my eyes," the Legionnaire muttered. "It's just not possible that a department store can

be giving a nod to a man customer, too."

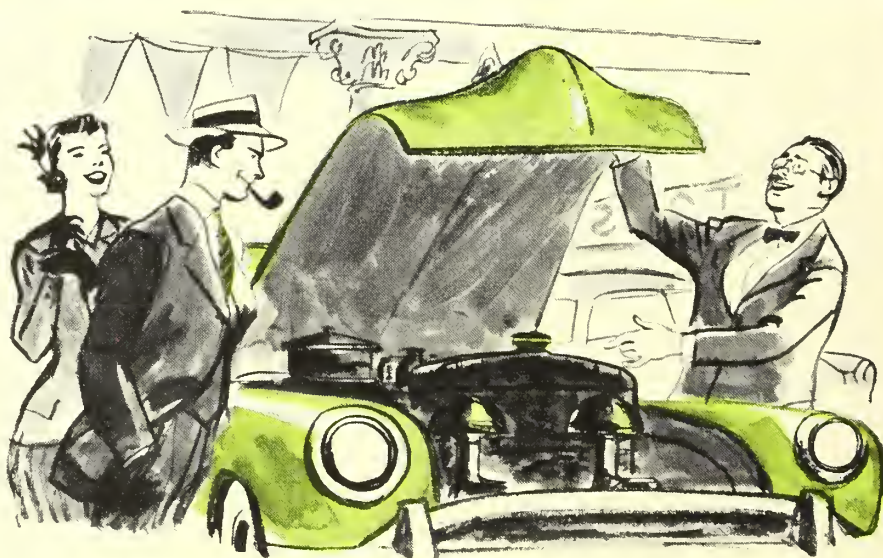
Doubtful though he was, the man went to the party. There he got a still greater surprise.

Store officials plied him with all the scotch he could drink (free), gave him a Cook's tour of the entire building, and then staged an elaborate fashion show for him—and some 2000 other male guests.

And no one asked any of the cus-



THE WIDESPREAD belief that women do 80 percent of the buying was found to be hokum. The man dictates buying



OF EVERY 100 families with automobiles, it was found that 68 of the cars had been bought by the husband, while only six were bought by the wife

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alone or jointly with their wives account for 58 percent of all electrical appliance sales

tomers if they cared to buy anything.

"We just want you to know," the Neiman-Marcus people stated, "that men customers are important to us."

"This is the miracle of the ages," the staggered Legionnaire declared as he went home to his envious wife.

At virtually the same time, a Legionnaire in Seattle was undergoing a similar experience. He was invited to a stag party by Frederick & Nelson, the leading department store there,

and regaled with cocktails, hor d'oeuvres, souvenirs, plus a stage show of Hollywood starlets especially imported for the occasion.

"We recognize how much men have to say about the spending of the family dollar," the Frederick & Nelson staff said, "and we're anxious for their good will."

"Well, I'll be damned," the Legionnaire exclaimed. "This is the first time someone ever admitted that a man has

ILLUSTRATED BY BOB GREENHALGH
anything to say about the money his family puts out."

It took this Legionnaire days to recover from the shock.

What happened to these two men is typical of a new trend that is manifesting itself throughout the country today. At long last, men customers are coming into their own so far as the big storekeepers and manufacturers are concerned.

It has finally been recognized that the poor, downtrodden American male has a mind of his own, and that his wishes carry a lot of weight on everything — from dresses to coffee — that he and his family buy. As a result, the big business brains of America are now making an all-out drive to woo masculine good will.

This is really revolutionary.

For decades, the economists and the social scientists (to say nothing of the women's magazines) have been proclaiming that "Women control the purse strings," that "Women do all the purchasing for the American home," that "Men don't buy anything, not even their own shirts."

Because of this propaganda, most stores have aimed their major promotional efforts at the ladies. They have decorated their establishments in fluffy, boudoir colors. They have set up swanky lounges everywhere for women (and hidden the men's room in the cellar). They have made their restaurants into dainty tea rooms, with watercress sandwiches as the main entree. They have taught their salespeople to use language that only a female could understand.

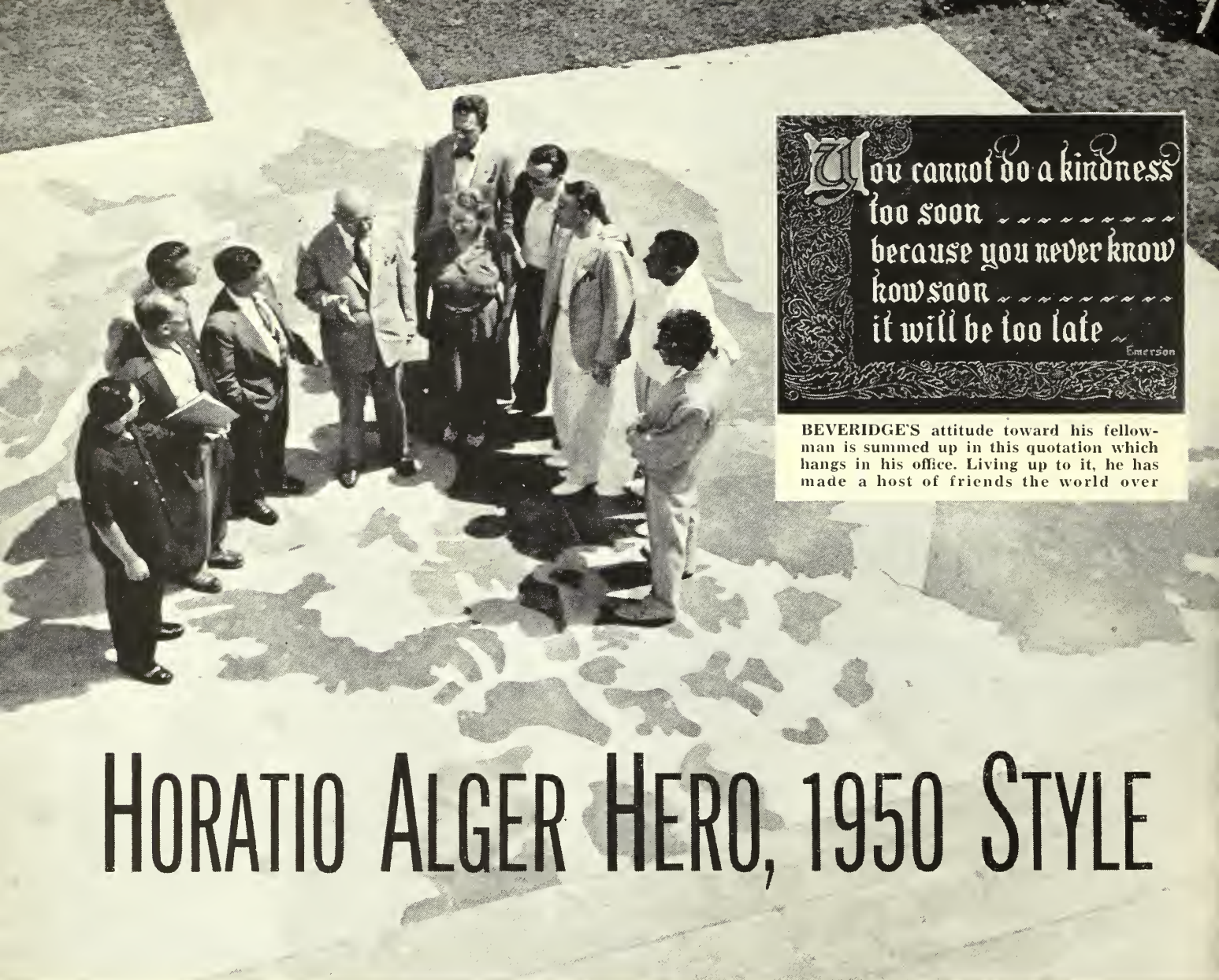
The national advertisers have followed suit. Convinced that women alone decree (Continued on page 50)



THE BIG GROCERY chains are seeing the light. A big midwestern chain even has a special cashier's line for use of male customers



THE EXPERTS were amazed to learn how many husbands buy their wives' clothes. Almost all men were the deciding factor



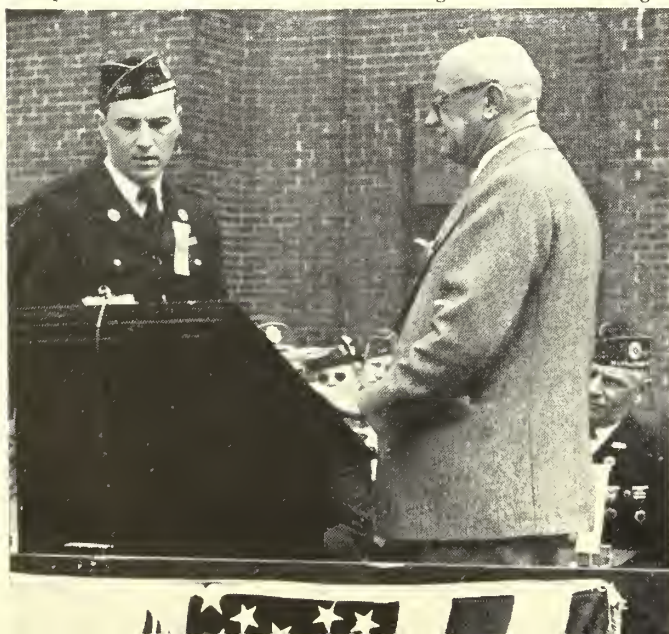
You cannot do a kindness
too soon ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
because you never know
how soon ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
it will be too late ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
Emerson

BEVERIDGE'S attitude toward his fellow-man is summed up in this quotation which hangs in his office. Living up to it, he has made a host of friends the world over

HORATIO ALGER HERO, 1950 STYLE

If you have the idea that this country is no longer a land of opportunity, consider the case of Frank Stanley Beveridge, the Nova Scotia boy who made good

EDWARD S. BERESTKA, commander of Dalton-Lavallee Post accepts the deed to the new Post building from Mr. Beveridge



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

ECONOMISTS AND VARIOUS PROFESSORS of the social sciences can prove with neatly graphed charts and concise facts and figures that it is an impossibility today to make a million dollars. The old days are gone, they say. Taxes shrink profits; labor restrictions, government control in crushing monopolies make the modern millionaire a rare bird. Even simple opportunity no longer seems to exist. Today, excepting for some of the fantastic Hollywood figures, anyone netting over \$20,000 a year, after taxes, is a big operator. That's what the big mathematical brains tell us.

Evidently Frank Stanley Beveridge just didn't know about this appalling situation, or if he did, he turned a deaf ear on the fact and figure boys. For in less than twenty years, Frank Beveridge, starting out with vir-

tually nothing but a stout pair of boot straps, has built himself a \$60,000,000-a-year organization. His business, The Stanley Home Products Company, has grown so fast that most people haven't even heard about it.

Frank Beveridge seems to be an anachronism, a distinct throwback to the Horatio Alger type of hero. His story is a great deal like that of the bootblack who went to work for the banker and ended up as president of the bank.

Beveridge was born in Nova Scotia of parents who, although not exactly poor, certainly didn't have enough of the potent green stuff to make life one long easy road for their son. When the boy was still in knee breeches his parents decided to make the break. They came to the United States, looking for opportunity and a better life for themselves and their son.

They did the thing right. They came to Massachusetts and put Frank in the Mount Hermon School at Northfield. From that time on, the story is ripped from the pages of *Strive and Succeed*. Old classmates of Beveridge's, amazed at his present success, recall that he was rather shy and retiring, had a great love for flowers and not much assertion. But evidently he lost those characteristics fast. When he left school and stepped into the cold world outside, he decided that the best opportunity for him at that time was door-to-door salesmanship with stereopticon views his sole product.

He did well. But it took time and a lot of doors were slammed in his face before Massachusetts became stereopticon-conscious. The business expanded, and Beveridge hit upon the idea of using college students to sell

the views during their summer months. He takes pride in having been one of the first to put the college boy to work "working his way through college."

Mr. A. C. Fuller, in nearby Somerville, Massachusetts, had just opened a small brush factory. No slouch at selling the housewife, Fuller recognized a top salesman when he saw one and offered Beveridge a job. Beveridge took it.

This opened the door. In a short time, with Fuller behind him forever urging him to bigger and better things, just like the hero, Dick, in *Bound to Rise*, Beveridge burned the midnight oil. Nights he studied a correspondence school course, *Scientific Salesmanship*, by Arthur Frederic Sheldon; days he checked door-to-door sales of his personally-trained salesmen. In a short time he opened the first branch office



MUCH OF THE CREDIT for the company's success can be attributed to Catherine O'Brien, shown here with Mr. Beveridge. Miss O'Brien initialed the first order



INFORMAL give-and-take marks meetings of Stanley Home Products Company officials. Here the boss conducts an outdoor management conference

for the Fuller Brush Company.

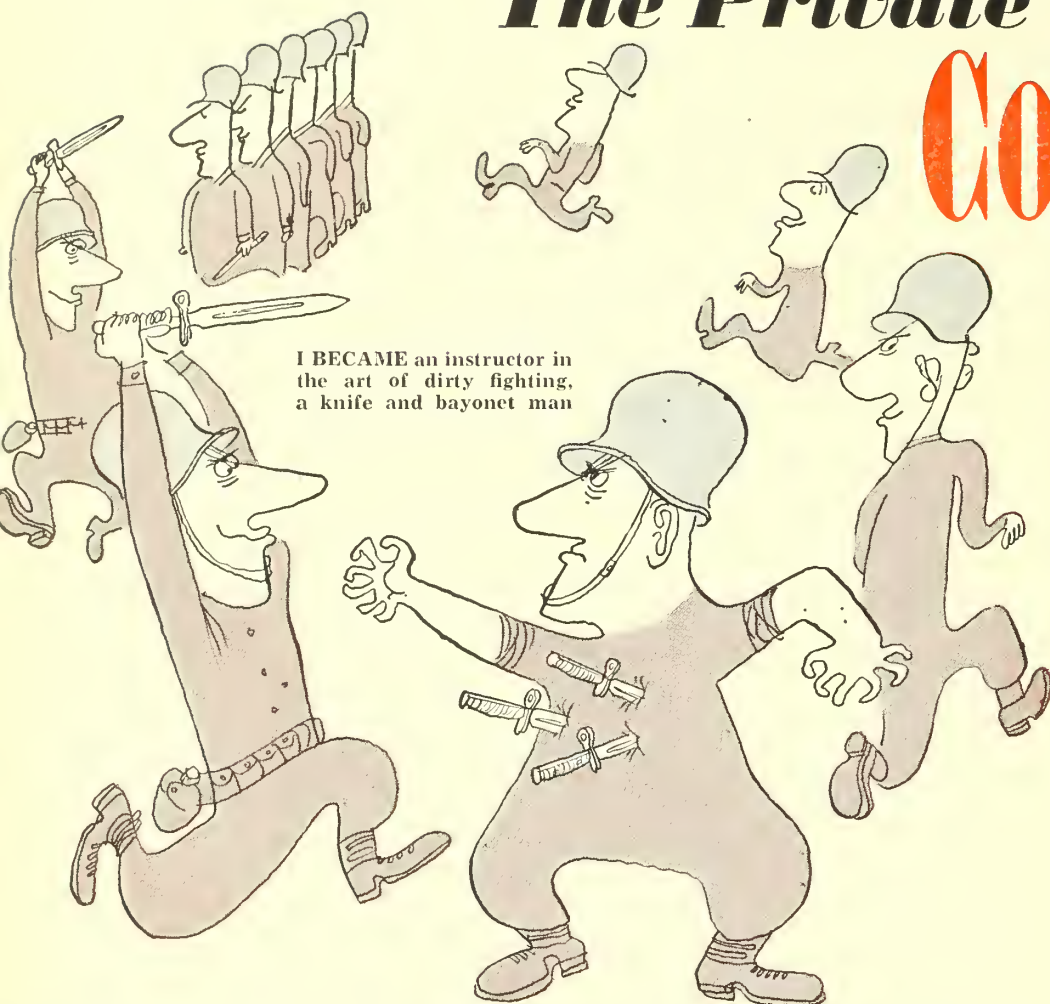
Before long, with Beveridge giving it all the push he had, and the old master salesman, A. C. Fuller, at the helm, the A. C. Fuller Company sailed into success.

Here again the Alger touch: Beveridge did very well with Fuller, became a vice president in a very few years, and could have had just about anything he wanted in the company. However, he decided he wasn't quite ready, since he didn't know everything he should know. So in 1929 he accepted a position with the aggressively sales-minded Real Silk Hosiery Mills, as sales consultant. There he was put in charge of their sales training program, and had an exceptional opportunity to study the hard psychology behind selling.

At about this time Frank Beveridge began to use a Longfellow quotation as a practical (Continued on page 53)

The Private War of

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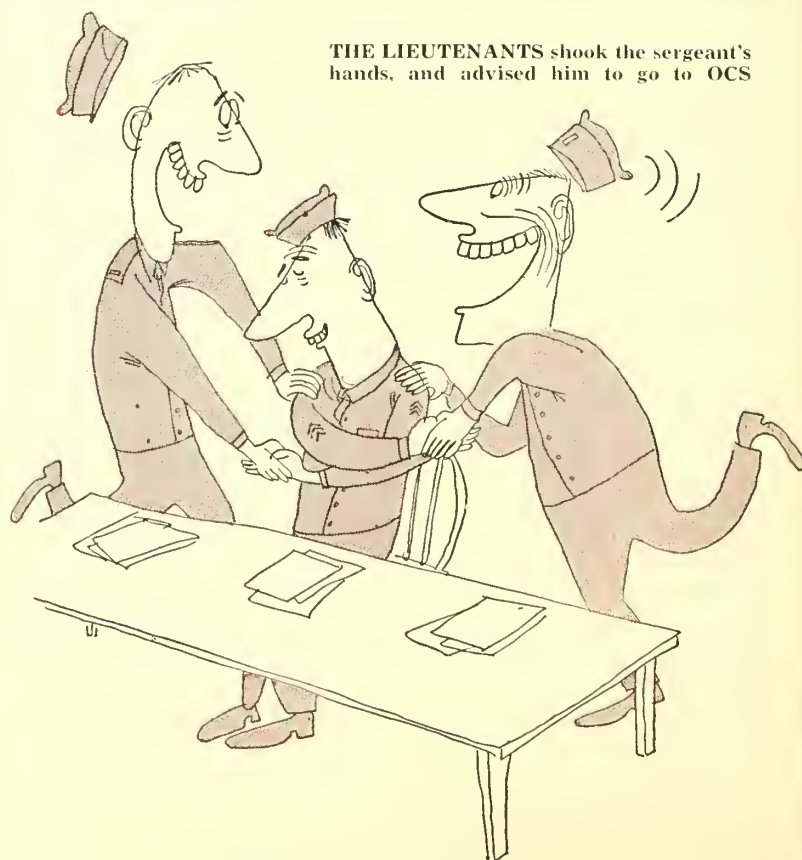
I BECAME an instructor in the art of dirty fighting, a knife and bayonet man

Army doctors accepted this well known cartoonist, so obviously he was sane. But he met some strange characters in the Army and here he tells all

By VIRGIL F. PARTCH



THE DOCTOR wanted to know why my ears had so many wrinkles. I covered them



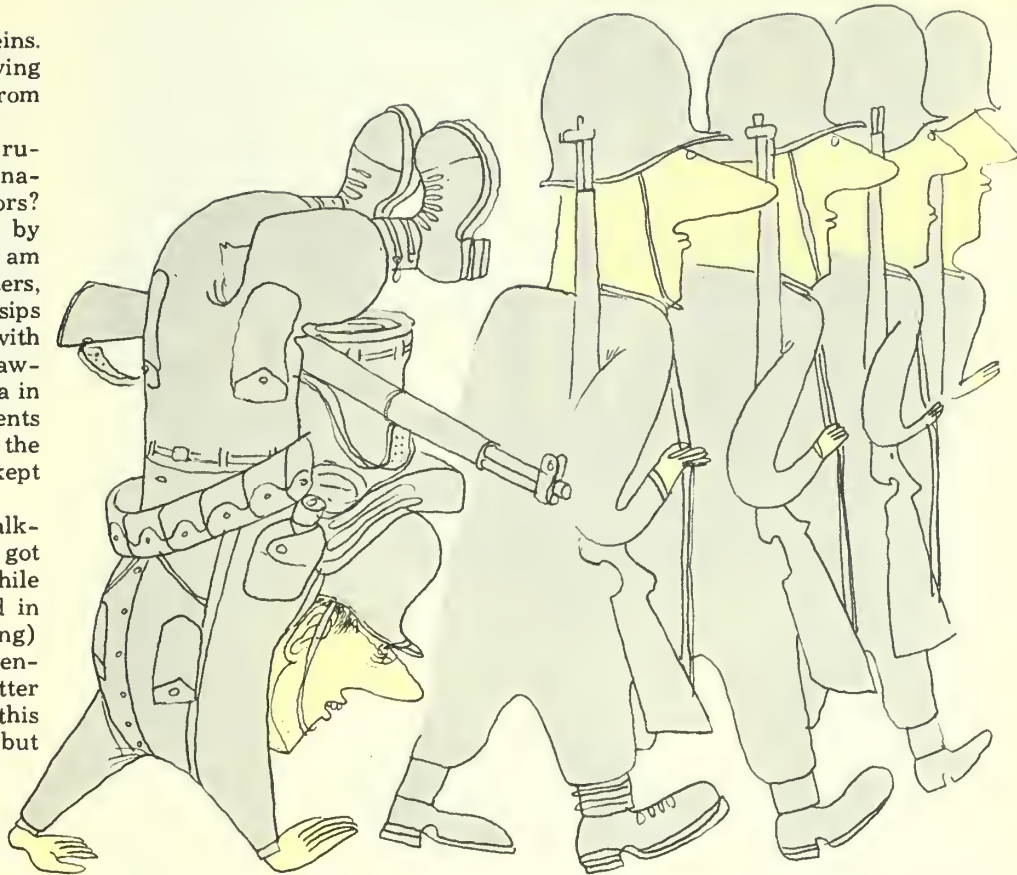
THE LIEUTENANTS shook the sergeant's hands, and advised him to go to OCS

THIS ISN'T India ink in my veins. It's only the gloom showing through. Melancholy from these foul rumors.

All over the country you hear rumors that all cartoonists are the lunatic fringe of the art world. Rumors? Notarized affidavits are circulated by trade gossips in New York that I am twice as weird as any of my characters, which are self-portraits these gossips swear; that I ride a pogo stick with an outboard motor; and that Vip drawings are smuggled out of California in the linings of straitjackets, payments being kept in trust to insure the citizenry that my jug will be kept stoppered.

How'd you like to have people talking about *you* that way? Well, it's got to stop. Cartoonists as a tribe, while forced to dream for a living (and in lean times to dream they are living) are just average, respectable and sensitive taxpayers, all meriting better treatment. I won't try to prove all this with my short typewriter ribbon, but I can prove that old Vip is just as sane as any normal person should want to be.

You shall see my proof arranged logically, with unbiased examples from various walks of life, but mainly by comparing myself with guys I met in the Army.



I MARCHED on my hands so my moans wouldn't drown out the commands

that you look at some of the following clowns and tell me who screened *them*? Did officers get in through the same holes?

It was in 1943. My companions and I, weary of ceremonies at the Induction Center, followed a man with an arm-band we thought was a sight-seeing conductor and enjoyed a rather scenic bus trip to an abandoned Indian reservation called Camp Roberts. At this world-famous hell-hole for basic training for 16 weeks I learned to scrub latrines and how to wear out shoes evenly. The reason I didn't join Private Hargrove, Bill Mauldin and the Sad Sack in exposing the caste system was that I supposed the things I'd seen were best hushed-up.

Camp Roberts did not have, above a corporal, one fully sane man. I discussed this with every corporal, PFC and private available and found total agreement.

On this booby-trapped racetrack at our camp they had a small body of water, with a simple arch of two-by-fours straddling it, a rope hanging down almost to the water. No hangman's noose, which would make it halfway logical. You were supposed to charge this oversized puddle, leap out and grab the rope and swing yourself across Tarzan style, trotting on to other tortures. If you stopped to put your arms back in their sockets you got demerit marks and no candy from

the sergeant.

Now, I say that the officer who devised such a method of getting from one side of a puddle to the other has loose screws. Ask any of the boys who got overseas (as I asked) and they'll tell you: thousands of mudholes wherever they (Continued on page 57)



THE EIGHT-FOOT billboard was tough, but with my long fingernails I made it once

These are no G.I. memoirs. But as you know, G.I. psychiatrists screened the amateur screwballs, kicking out a high percentage, yet they accepted me without much question. No, that doesn't prove anything: what I ask is



FOR WEEKS after I got to Camp Roberts I was wringing Martinis out of my fatigues

Textile Magic



LABORATORY-CREATED fabrics were once looked down on as inferior. Nowadays they are recognized as new and different, with new and different qualities



FLAMES WILL SCORCH but not burn materials that are treated with Titanox-FR a remarkable product developed by the National Lead Co.

Marvelous new fabrics are flowing out of laboratory test tubes, and the old textile standbys are being vastly improved

By JOHN LAWRENCE

YOU PUT ON this new pair of slacks, pressed just once. You throw them into the washing machine and they come out clean and unshrunken. You hang them up to dry and there they are as good as new, with that same sharp crease. You may have jammed them into a suitcase, but the wrinkles still will fall out. But not the crease.

Astonishing? Yes, but not a dream. You will be able to buy slacks and suits for men and women of this amazing material probably sometime in 1951. The secret is Orlon, a new man-made fiber.

Now look at this lightweight topcoat. It has a smooth rayon satin lining and it doesn't seem that such a coat would keep you very warm. But the lining is a kind you've never seen before. On one side it is smooth and shiny, like the rayon lining you now have. But the other side is coated with smooth aluminum. It becomes a mirror, reflecting your own body heat back to you to keep you warmer. A coat with this special metallic lining is declared 12 per cent warmer than the same coat with untreated rayon lining plus an 11-ounce wool zip-in lining. The metallic fabric is called Milium. Clothes made with it could also help keep you cool in summer, by reflecting

back the heat from the sun, pavement, and buildings.

These are only two examples of a double-barreled revolution bringing you new coolness, warmth, feel, strength, beauty and other qualities in the clothes you wear. One part of the revolution is new fibers or improvements in familiar ones. The other is new treatments to make clothes resist wrinkling, fading, mildew, or water, even to give them advantages they never had before.

Clothes have been evolving slowly since the caveman skinned a bear, tiger or any victim at hand. Now the

silk, or as warm as wool. It laughs at the fading power of sunshine, at moths, mildew, rain, heat and cold.

Orlon will appear in its first uses this year in awnings, long-wearing upholstery for outdoor furniture, durable curtains, sports jackets, and woven lingerie.

But still more is coming. DuPont men have been giving wear tests to the slacks just described. One man wore Orlon slacks as long as three weeks at a time, knocking about for 144 holes of golf, working in the garden, and mowing the lawns. Then he washed them in a paddle-type home washer,

PHOTOS BY BOB ISEAR

put them through a wringer and hung them up to dry. They weren't pressed afterward, but still held that initial crease. He folded them, twisted them, mussed them up, manhandled them by jamming them into his brief case, but the crease still stayed clear and sharp and there was no serious wrinkling despite all that tough treatment.

"This," said he modestly, "promises to be quite revolutionary in the men's slack and suiting fields."

These Orlon slacks were made of the bulky, shorter staple fibers of Orlon, which resemble wool in resiliency and make a warm fabric with what textile people call a good "feel" or "hand." Wear tests are underway also on suits, topcoats, and sweaters made with this wonder fiber, and you may be able to buy them next year.

For another eyebrow-lifter, there are business and sports shirts of Orlon that in actual experience have gone through more than 100 home launderings. That should spell durability in any man's book. These shirts feel dry and silk-like, and the fabrics are bulky and light in weight. Orlon also is shrinkproof, and a lighted cigaret will char it but not set it afire.

In this resin age that the caveman never dreamed of, another resin fiber was brought forth last fall by the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp. Its name - Dynel. It also is a strong, resilient and quick-drying fiber that resists acids, alkalies, fire, moths, and the mildew organisms.

Blankets made of Dynel are termed lighter and softer than wool but just as warm and - housewife's joy - are mothproof and washable without shrinkage. Dynel is appearing in sweaters, work clothes, infants' clothes, and as one material in crease-resistant suits, in draperies and blankets.

Down on a farm, a city man making small talk (Continued on page 46)



SHRINKAGE, long the bugaboo of wool, has been conquered by science through the Sanforlan process which employs a series of controls from raw wool to finished product. The housewife can now wash wool at any temperature without shrinking it

progress is so rapid it can best be termed a revolution, and you are the winner. You will be getting more and more benefits in spending your part of the \$16 billions a year that Americans pay for clothes. More and more, science is your tailor.

Orlon is a \$27,000,000 baby, the offspring of years of research and development by DuPont Company scientists. It represents a victory at last over a plastic powder, polyacrylonitrile, that long refused to dissolve and form into fibers.

Orlon is soft enough for lingerie, yet tough enough for awnings. It can be made into fabrics that feel as cool as

IF YOUR CAR has Candalon upholstery, a nylon adaptation, Junior can spill his ice cream on it and otherwise abuse it. Soap and water will make it like new



Behind the Scenes at RED, WHITE & BLUE



JOAN REDDIN demonstrates some acrobatic dancing for Roy Mack, talent director, Owen Crump and LeRoy Prinz producers, seated at table in center



THE WORD has gone out that the big musical show is starting to sign up talent, so performers show up to do their stuff. Here they are registered by Roy Mack for audition



DAVID ROSE, famed composer, points out to LeRoy Prinz and Owen Crump a sheet of newly created music which will be one of the high spots of the big All-American revue

BOB GOSH, SR., with pointer, directs the construction and painting of one of the many scenes of the show. This big city set, a part of which shows here, is over 60 feet long





BEFORE a critical board of experts, dancer Joyce Carlton tries out for a possible part in the show



THE SINGING of Barbara Jean Logan and Alexander Gould makes a good impression on Dolores Larson and Carol Callear

PHOTOS BY GENE LESTER

Here is what is going into the big American Legion musical that you will be seeing before long

ANY LEGIONNAIRE who has ever taken part in a Post minstrel show or amateur theatrical of any kind knows how much work is necessary before the curtain goes up. That sort of effort multiplied a thousand or more times has been going into the biggest show ever staged under American Legion auspices, "Red, White & Blue," which will have its opening at the National Convention in Los Angeles and then tour the country for more than a year.

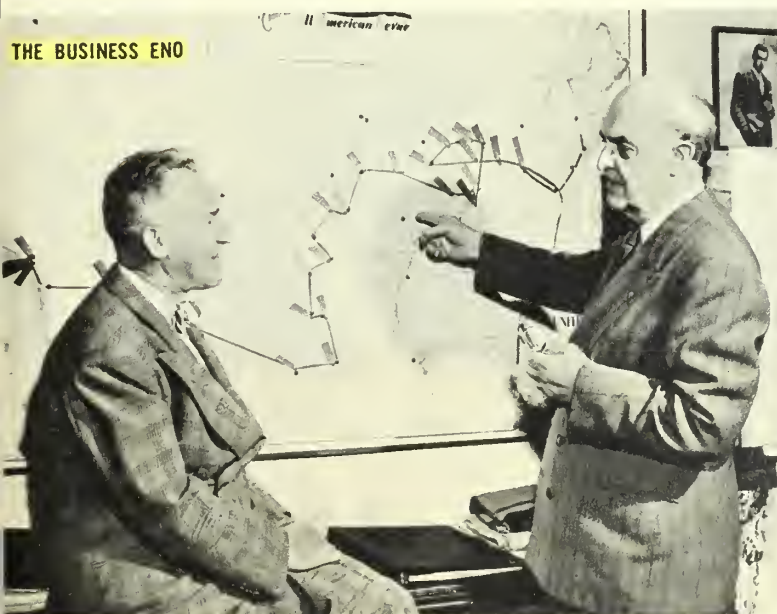
No amateur show, the mammoth musical was conceived by two long-time Legionnaires, LeRoy Prinz and Owen Crump, "big names" in both Hollywood and along Broadway. Their idea was not just to stage a big revue to publicize their organization but, more important, to raise funds for the Legion's rehabilitation and child welfare work. This goal, the prestige of The American Legion and the leadership of Prinz and Crump has attracted some of the nation's top talent.



IF YOU KNOW how hard it is to keep just one gal properly attired you can understand Howard Shoup's problem. The noted designer has to worry about 500 costumes needed to glamorize the girls. Below, Jeanne Maybery is fitted



THE BUSINESS END



SO THAT millions can see "Red, White and Blue," the show will go on tour after it opens in Los Angeles. John J. Hill, business representative of the show, and Frank H. McFarland, representing the Legion, do some planning

YOU'LL BE singing and dancing to the contributions of George Forrest and Robert Wright, composers, who are lending their talents to the building of the musical score





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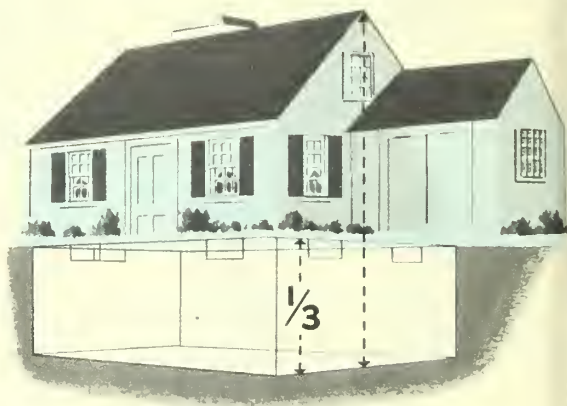
MUCH more useful than attractive is this typical set of cellar stairs



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A FEW pieces of lumber and some elbow grease make a big difference

A THIRD of many houses is represented by the cellar. Why not put this space to use?



MAKE THE MOST *of your* BASEMENT

By ROBERT SCHARFF

A relatively small investment of time and money, plus a certain amount of ingenuity, will pay big dividends in extra living space



BEFORE

A TRULY DELUXE job of improving is represented in what the owner did to make the cellar above into the handsome space to the right. The walls screening the dreary looking walls are made of 2-inch tongued and grooved hardwood. Heat is circulated through the open grilles, and recessed lighting is employed. The floor is covered with asphalt tile and the ceiling is of sound-proof fiber board.



HAVE YOU BEEN WISHING for an extra room in your house for entertaining or for your hobbies? The answer can be found in your basement. For here, with little expense and skill, you can transform this space from a storage place for dirt and spider webs into a room as comfortable as any other in the house.

One of the first steps in planning a recreation room is to determine just how much of the basement space you can devote to the purpose. Unless there is a big attic or an oversize garage, a por-

tion of the basement should be set aside for storage. In some cases space is needed in the cellar for the home laundry. And last, the home mechanic will want a place for his workbench, and tools.

Through careful planning and the efficient use of ceiling height shelves, overhead racks, and hooks, it is possible to utilize almost every square inch of basement storage space and thus provide a greater area for a recreation room or other purpose. In fact, camouflaging unsightly household necessities will give you more room—a removable cover over the laundry tubs can serve as a table—a small cupboard can enclose the water heater.

The most important consideration in remodeling any basement is dampness



BEFORE



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AT LEFT is what the owner of the house had to start with, and it didn't take much time or money to arrive at the cozy corner shown above. He merely painted the floor and bought an inexpensive fiber rug to cover it. Pipes and walls were given a fresh coat of paint, the window was gaily curtained and some second-hand furniture bought. Note how the pipe alongside the curtained window is turned into a decorative asset by means of the winding ivy.

—Public Enemy No. 1 of all basements. There are several excellent new materials for stopping seepage and producing dry walls—use them according to the manufacturer's directions. However, sometimes home owners mistake sweating or condensation in a basement for dampness caused by leaking walls. In summer, warm, moist air coming in contact with cooler basement walls or water pipes causes the moisture in the air to condense. In such cases the walls become damp and water drips from the pipes. Condensation can be avoided by better ventilation in the basement or by the use of fans to circulate the air.

To cover the walls of your basement there are several possible choices of materials. The cheapest and simplest is to finish them with a cement-based paint. When applied according to manufacturer's instructions, these paints bond themselves to the wall, thus coloring, waterproofing and preserving in one operation. Cracks must be patched and any oil paint removed with lye or trisodium phosphate before painting.

Materials such as plywood and wallboard are not only decorative wall coverings but help prevent condensation on the walls. Regardless of which of these materials is selected, it is necessary first to line the walls

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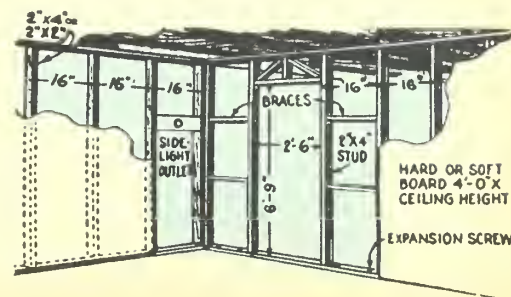


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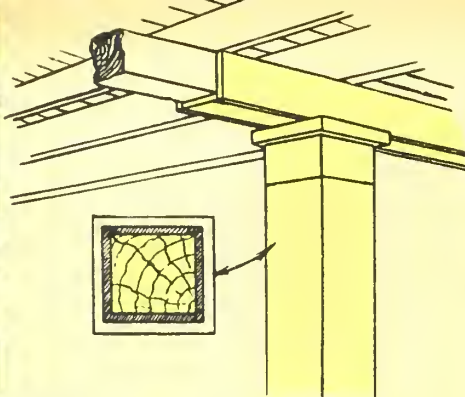
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IN THE PHOTOGRAPH at the left construction has just been started to give this furnace corner a new look. The studding is erected on 16-inch centers to receive wall boards which are four feet wide. Framework used is 2 by 4, though 2 by 2 will serve almost as well. The finished job, shown on the right, will give you an idea of the change that can be accomplished when walls and ceiling are covered with quarter-inch hardwood. The artificial fireplace is cut from corrugated asbestos sheets, while the mantel and bookcase are made from plywood. Note that the asbestos pipe covering has been removed to give the room sufficient heat.





LOLLY COLUMNS and posts can be boxed in with plywood or insulating board to harmonize with the rest of the room. To give an artistic touch you can install base molding at top and bottom to complete the job

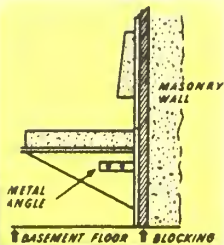


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Make The Most of your Basement

with furring strips, so there will be a base to which the wall covering can be nailed, and also to prevent this material from coming in direct contact with the masonry. The small, dead-air space between the wall covering and the masonry walls will act as insulation, so moisture will not collect on the surface of the finished wall.

To fur out a wall, place one strip of either 2 x 4 inch or 2 x 2 inch lum-



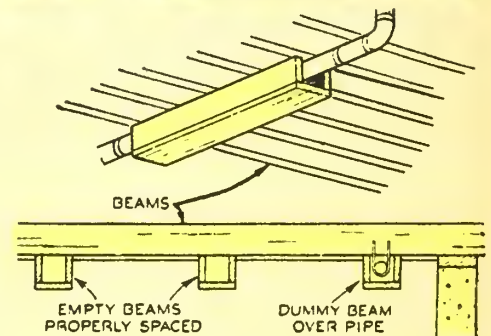
THIS BUILT-IN bench is made of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch plywood. Foam rubber covered with leatherette serves as a cushion



AN UNUSUAL BASEMENT living room with a Swiss theme. Low cost fir plywood is used on walls and ceilings. An important feature here is the ornamented empty beam. The diagram at right shows use of these empty beams

ber at the base and another along the top of the wall. Then place vertical strips of the same size lumber 16 inches apart between the top and bottom members. Furring must be plumbed true and secured to the masonry with steel cut nails or special anchors designed for this purpose. Use a Star drill to make holes in the masonry.

If there is any indication the walls or floor are damp at any time during

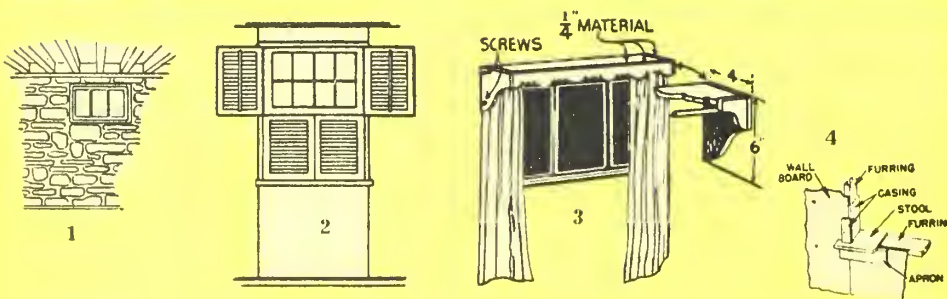


the year, the furring, as well as the basement walls, should be given a heavy coat of asphalt paint or similar material.

Walls within the main cellar area are constructed with 2 x 4-inch studs resting on 2 x 4-inch sills. The sill should be anchored to the concrete floor with expansion bolts. A 2 x 4-inch plate is spiked to the basement ceiling joists to form the top of the partition. Vertical studding is run between sill and plate, and spaced 16 inches on center.

The different kinds of wall board are made from various types of material, such as wood pulp, gypsum, cane fibers; therefore, check the manufacturer's directions on how far apart nails ought to be placed and on other application information.

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1. IF YOU PLAN to make your basement more attractive, you'll have to give some thought to the cellar windows. Almost invariably they are like this, bare and ugly.

2. ONE WAY of making them appear larger is to replace the usual swinging window with this mullioned glass type, then add a frame and half blinds as shown.

3. HOWEVER, a much simpler way of enhancing the appearance of a basement window is through the use of curtains. The simple cornice shown here is of plywood.

4. THESE ARE the finishing details around a window when wall board is used as a finish. Casing, stool and apron are applied after the wall board has been installed.

Impressive Ceremony Marks Dedication of New Legion National Headquarters Building; McNutt Is Speaker

Imposing Structure Built for Legion By State Of Indiana Called Stronghold of Militant Americanism; Planned to Put National Activities at Indianapolis Under One Roof

Hailed by Indiana's Governor Henry F. Schricker as a temple of patriotic devotion, bastion of freedom, rampart of liberty, and citadel of citizenship, the new \$2,500,000 National Headquarters building of The American Legion was formally dedicated on Sunday afternoon, August 20. More than 5,000 persons crowded the mall of Indiana's magnificent World War Memorial Plaza to witness the ceremonies and to make a quick inspection of the building.

Standing before a colorful backdrop of fluttering flags, his voice ringing firm and clear, Past National Commander Paul V. McNutt, former Governor of Indiana, delivered the dedicatory address. His speech was a challenge to continued service of the Legion, and a demand for the adoption of Universal Military Training as the source of future strength with which freedom-loving Americans can successfully defeat the violent designs of communism to enslave all mankind.

"It behooves us to carry a sword in one hand and the torch of Liberty in the other!" he said. "We must be the superior force in order to keep alight the torch of Liberty which illumines the path to a better day!"

Historic Flag Flown

As a former U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines, (as well as WW2 Manpower Director), as a tribute to his own long service in the Legion, his State and the Nation, the tall staff fronting the building flew the last United States flag to fly over the Philippines. It was the flag lowered on July 4, 1946, at Manila when the Philippines became an independent republic, now a prized treasure in the custody of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission.

"Events of our lifetime have made us realists," he continued. "If there cannot be one world, then let there be two or more. We do not seek to impose our way of life upon any other peoples. By the same token we will not tolerate the efforts of others to impose their way of life upon us. We join with all others of like mind to preserve freedom for all of us in that world to which we belong."

Past National Commander McNutt hammered home the truths of the Legion's long fight for security training for our young men and adequate preparedness, despite the obstacles of name-calling and well financed, skillfully directed opposition.

"The American Legion is not in the least concerned with the fact that for 30 years it was a voice crying in the wilderness. It is vitally concerned with what is being done about national defense now—right now! The American Legion is for Universal Military Training. The American Legion is for the mobilization of all our resources. Never again must we learn the bitter lesson of too little and too late."

Governor Henry H. Schricker, in his address, spoke of the day as a glorious and significant one in the history of Indiana, more significant and far-reaching than the dedication of a new building, however imposing, as a home for an organization that did not stop fighting for peace at the end of two World Wars. He called it an investment in future citizenship which will return incalculable dividends, not only to the State of Indiana, but to the Nation and the world at large.

At the conclusion of his short address, Governor Schricker presented a gold key to National Commander George N. Craig, symbolizing the transfer of custody of the building from the State of Indiana to The American Legion. Commander Craig responded, assuring the Governor that with the new facilities and expanded

programs the Legion looked forward to its finest hours of service to God, country and mankind. The men of the organization, he said, form a hard core of the legion of democracy.

President Truman, the Nation's Number 1 Legionnaire, had been invited to participate in the ceremonies of dedication. The pressure of public business, and particularly the gravity of the Korean situation, made it necessary for him to decline. His message was read by Judge Clarence R. McNabb, Fort Wayne, President of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission.

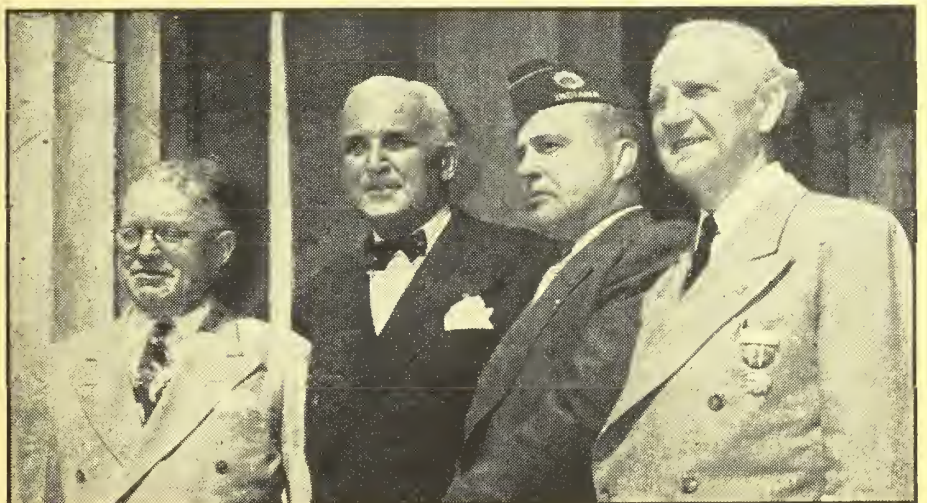
The President's Message

"I deeply appreciate your cordial invitation to attend the dedication, on August 20th, of the magnificent new National Headquarters building of The American Legion. It is a source of deep regret to me that it is impossible for me to be present.

"This memorial is a fine recognition of the splendid work The American Legion has done, and is continuing to do, for our veterans and their dependents. In serving the best interest of veterans, the Legion is making a powerful contribution to the strength and stability of our entire Nation.

"The generous act of the State of Indiana in providing this new headquarters building offers further assurance to us all that we may confidently look forward to increasing service to the Nation from The American Legion in the important years that lie ahead."

Judge Clarence R. McNabb, President



Participating in the dedication of The American Legion's new National Headquarters building were, left to right in the picture above, former Governor Ralph F. Gates, under whose administration the building was authorized; Past National Commander Paul V. McNutt, also former Indiana Governor; National Commander George N. Craig, and Governor Henry F. Schricker. Both Governors Gates and McNutt are Past Department Commanders of the Indiana Legion; Commander Craig served the Hoosier Legion as National Executive Committeeman.

NEW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, FOCAL CENTER FOR 3,000,000 LEGIONNAIRES



— PHOTO BY JOHN SPICKLENIRE, INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Solid and substantial dignity is reflected in the architectural lines of the imposing national home of The American Legion, built by the State of Indiana at a cost of \$2,500,000. Constructed of famed Hoosier limestone, its lines will not fade with the passing years. This is a view of the west entrance, facing the Mall of the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza.

of the World War Commission, under whose direction the building was erected, presided over the dedication program. It highlighted the activities of the second day of the 32nd annual Department Convention of the Indiana Legion. At the opening the colors were posted by the National Champion Color Guard of Kokomo Post No. 6, and the national anthem was played by the crack band of Clay County Post No. 2, Brazil, Indiana—the home Legion unit of National Commander George N. Craig.

Among the distinguished guests introduced were former Governor Ralph F. Gates, under whose administration the legislation authorizing the building was enacted by the Legislature; Sherman Minton, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Past National Commanders Harry W. Colmery of Topeka, Kansas, and Milo J. Warner of Toledo, Ohio.

McNutt Gets Life Card

An unscheduled event on the program was the presentation of a gold Life Membership card to Past National Commander McNutt by Burton Willory Post No. 18, Bloomington, Indiana. The presentation was made by Felix J. (Star) Brown, Secretary of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission, and member of the Bloomington Post, of which Commander McNutt was an organizer and is a Past Commander.

Special guests on the platform were three Indianapolis men who directed the campaign at the Legion's first National Convention at Minneapolis in 1919 to bring the National Headquarters to Indianapolis. They were Colonel Robert L. Moorehead, Treasurer of the Bobbs-Mer-

rill Company, publishers, Indianapolis; Walter Myers, Indianapolis attorney now serving as Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and Dr. T. Victor Keene, Indianapolis physician. Originally the Indianapolis group at Minneapolis had planned only to secure the second National Convention for their home city, but as the campaign warmed up they raised their sights and were successful in having the Hoosier capital named as the permanent national home of The American Legion.

An Architectural Gem

Built of Indiana limestone at a total cost of \$2,500,000 the full block-long new National Headquarters building is a model of the best and most modern of office building construction. Designed to harmonize with the old building, which the Legion has occupied since 1925, and with the other buildings on the three-blocks long Memorial Plaza, it is two and one-half times larger than the old quarters. All in all, in design, in efficient floor planning, and in facilities, it is one of the finest homes of any national organization in the United States.

It will provide 100,000 square feet of floor space on four floors and a full basement for the 350 Legion officials and employees who will use it. For the first time in many years the National Organization will be enabled to gather its activities as carried out from Indianapolis under one roof. There will be space, specially planned, for the use of the National Emblems Division and for the Publications Circulation Division, which were long ago crowded out of the old building and which have been operating in a nearby four-story Legion-owned building.

In outward appearance the new National Headquarters is a double replica of the old building, linked at the center with a monumental facade. It is located at the northeast corner of the Memorial Plaza, directly opposite the old building, with entrances from the Mall and from Pennsylvania Street.

As in the old building, the show place of the new home will be the National Executive Committee chamber on the fourth floor. Three paintings, familiar to all visitors to the old chamber, will form the backdrop of the rostrum in the new assembly hall. One is the famous Reni Mel painting that depicts a French soldier of WW1 falling into the protecting arms of an American doughboy. The other two paintings by R. Emerson Lee, Brown County, Indiana artist, of the surrender of the Japanese on the U.S.S. *Missouri*, and the signing of the formal surrender papers by the Germans.

Administrative Section

Administrative offices of the Legion will be on the third floor, and on the same floor a large room has been planned for a cafeteria. The library, files and archives will occupy the north half of the fourth floor. General offices will occupy the space on the other two floors.

A wall niche on the inside of the main entrance has been reserved for a painting of President Truman which was presented to National Headquarters by the Missouri Department of the Legion a year ago.

Construction of the building began July 21, 1948, and was completed, except floor coverings and other details of finishing, the week before the dedication. The National offices will be moved and

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Senate Committee Votes To Delay UMT Bill; Legion Will Continue Fight For Enactment

Strong Support Given Measure At Hearings; Commander Craig Headed Legion Force

Complying with the wishes of President Truman, the Senate Armed Services Committee on August 30 voted to delay the Universal Military Training bill until next January. This action prevents immediate consideration, but does not kill the measure—it merely postpones action until after the election and probably will throw it into a new Congress for consideration.

Hearings were opened on Senate Bill 4062 on August 22 when Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appeared to ask immediate enactment as a matter of national security.

The military and defense supporters were backed by the Legion high command led by National Commander George N. Craig. Among them were Erle Cocke, Jr., Dawson, Georgia, Chairman of the Legion's National Security Commission; Martin B. Buckner, Indianapolis, Director of the National Security Division; Perry Brown, Beaumont, Texas, Past National Commander; Granville S. Ridley, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Chairman of The Legion's National Security Training Committee; and Lewis K. Gough, Pasadena, Department Commander of California. Mrs. Marie L. Sheeche, National President of The American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Laura Goode, Past National President, spoke for the million women enrolled in the Auxiliary.

Open Hearings Held

Important among those also testifying in support of the UMT bill were Karl T. Compton, Chairman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Colonel Blake R. Van Leer, President of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Only minor opposition was expressed by any spokesman at the hearings, which had been opened to all groups. Strongest expressions of support came from members of the Committee itself.

The action eight days later in voting to delay the bill—as a legislative expediency—was a setback. But the Legion will continue to press the campaign for early enactment of the security training law. There must be no slackening in the campaign—members of Congress should be kept aware of the determination of the Legion, backed by a predominantly large majority of American citizens not members of the organization, to write the UMT principle into law.

Secretary of Defense Johnson, a Legion Past National Commander, told the Armed Services Committee that immediate enactment of UMT now, even on a standby basis, will have a psycho-

logical effect abroad that will be of incalculable value to the cause of world peace. He said that UMT was vital to the security of America.

General Omar N. Bradley, under whom thousands of Legionnaires served in the ETO, now Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hammered home the truths of the security importance of immediate approval of the UMT bill. He declared that the most efficient way of meeting the manpower problem over the foreseeable years of tension in international affairs is through UMT.

In pointing up the Legion's argument, National Commander Craig said:

"In war the trained have a chance to live—the untrained die. Citizens of this Nation will not long tolerate a continuance of sending untrained men to battle. Universal Military Training will correct this evil, and training in basic fundamentals will take place before selection for service in time of emergency."

Chairman Cocke told the Committee that it was only because he had had basic training that he was alive today. "That training added greatly to my chances of survival in combat, and later as a prisoner of war, when after losing 90 pounds I realized that in my early training *I had been taught to survive!*" he said in a reasoned appeal for the training principle.

The reversal came when President Truman addressed a letter to the Chairman of Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate asking that the

matter be postponed until January. The reasons given by him were that it would be impossible to put the program into effect now (the bill was offered as stand-by legislation to be made effective at the direction of the President) and that officers needed to train hundreds of thousands of youths under UMT could not be spared from the Korean war effort.

Chairman Tydings said the Committee "with some reluctance" agreed to defer the legislation.

"In my opinion," he said, "it would have been wiser for us to have acted this session although it is doubtful if it could have been accomplished in less than a month or possibly two months. Even if we had a completed bill, UMT, on advice of the military establishment, would not go into active operation for a year or two because it would interfere with the draft now in operation."

A ray of hope is seen in the authorization by the Committee empowering Chairman Tydings to name a sub-committee to draw up a comprehensive UMT measure for the new Congress, and to demand immediate consideration when the lawmakers return in January.

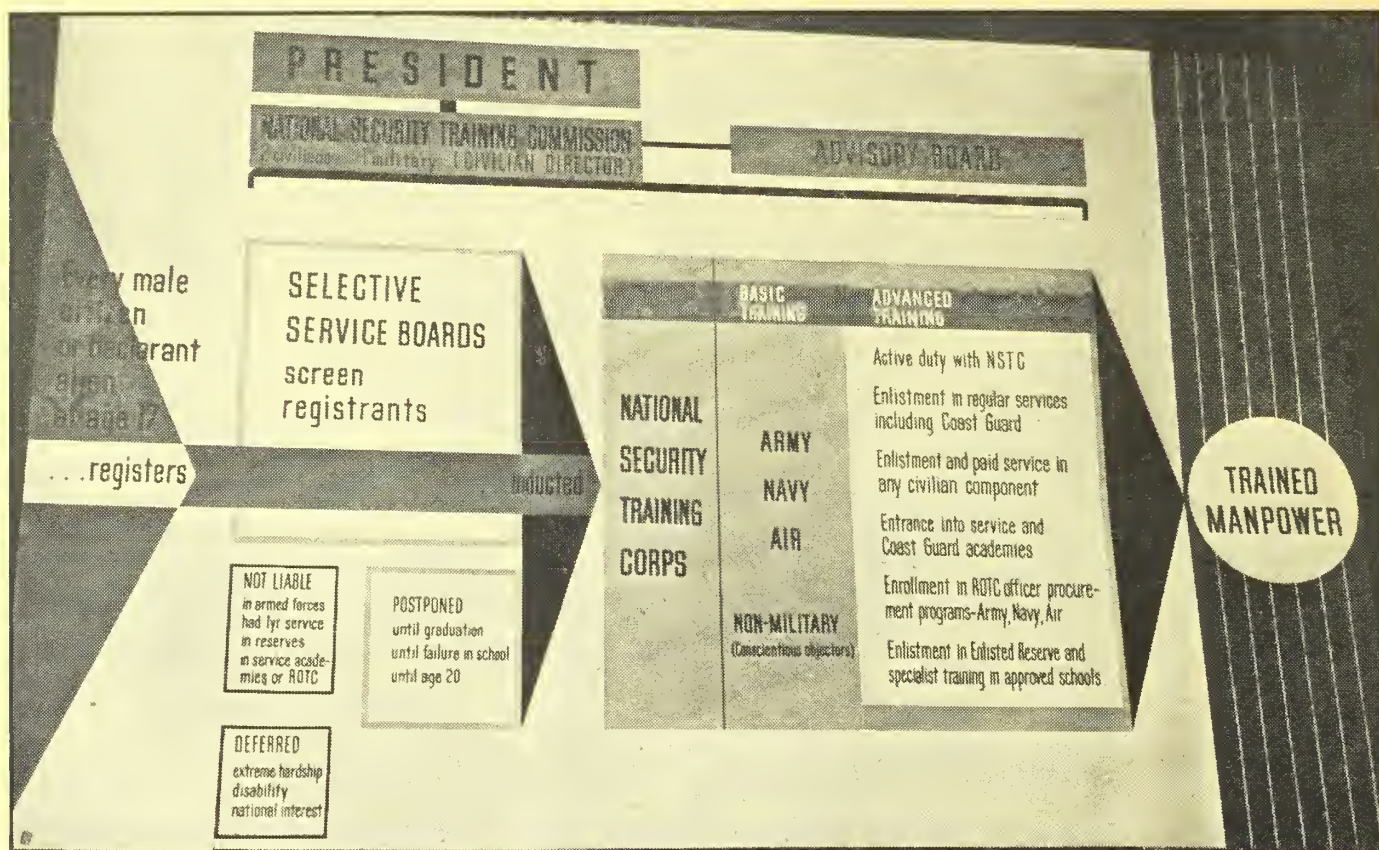
The Legion will continue to press the fight for UMT—our Nation cannot continue to ignore the possibility of war and refuse to prepare against it.

Senator Tydings named Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas, as Chairman of a sub-committee of the Armed Services Committee to prepare a detailed UMT bill for next session. Also named Senators Virgil Chapman, Kentucky; Estes Kefauver, Tennessee; Lester C. Hunt, Wyoming; Styles Bridges, New Hampshire; Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts, and Wayne Morse, Oregon, as members of the sub-committee.



The business of this huddle is to urge immediate enactment of a stand-by Universal Military Training law, taken when the Senate Armed Services Committee on August 22 began its hearings on the new UMT bill. Shown in the Committee chamber are, left to right, General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson; George N. Craig, National Commander of The American Legion, and Senator Millard N. Tydings, Maryland, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Secretary Johnson, General Bradley and Commander Craig joined in urging UMT at the initial Committee session.

HOW LEGION-BACKED UMT PLAN WORKS



The above chart tells you at a glance the structure and provisions of the Universal Military Training plan proposed to the Congress. It sets up an overall National Security Training Commission composed of 2 civilians and 1 military man, with a civilian director, to work directly under the President. Under this plan every male citizen or declarant alien would register at the age of 17, but there are provisions for deferred and postponed training and exemption for certain non-liables. Screening through the local Selective Service Boards into the training centers sets up safeguards. The plan, worked out after long study by some of the best minds in the nation, is believed to be the best solution to the national security problem. Through it a stable reservoir of trained manpower would be created to answer any emergency. Read the plan; study it—then tell your Congressman that UMT is a must.

National polls have definitely determined that at least 78 per cent of the American people favor a Universal Military Training plan for the security of the nation and the safety of the fighting men. Such a plan has been proposed to the Congress in the Legion-backed UMT bill, S.4062.

The Armed Services Committee of the Senate has voted to postpone action, after a series of hearings. That action did not reject the measure but it causes further delay. The Legion will continue its battle for prompt action and for prompt enactment.

The Legion is enrolled solidly behind the principle and plan of training our young men for survival. It has fought for security training for more than 30 years, and it is now committed in full force to the enactment of the training plan, which has been too long delayed.

Write your Congressman today. Tell him what you think about it. Send all replies to Miles D. Kennedy, Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, 734-15th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Here, in brief, are the basic principles: S. 062 provides not more than six months of basic training for all youth

at the age of 18 years, or at 17 if high school graduates, and with parents' consent. This basic phase would be followed by an advanced phase which, combined with the basic period, would total one year of continuous training or its equivalent.

10 Training Options

Several options are available to advanced trainees. These include:

1. An additional six months' basic training in the Corps.
2. Volunteer enlistment in the regular Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, for such period as may be authorized.
3. Enlistment and service in the National Guard or Air National Guard, organized Naval Reserves or organized Marine Corps Reserve.
4. Enlistment and service in organized unit of the Enlisted Reserve Corps.
5. Entrance into the service in either the United States Military, Naval or Coast Guard Academy.
6. Enrollment in the Navy or Marine Corps officer procurement program.
7. Enlistment and service in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army or Naval Reserve or the Enlisted Reserve component of the Air Force or Marine

Corps Reserve and entrance upon a college course with agreement to accept a Reserve commission upon graduation.

8. Enlistment and service in the United States Naval Reserve and entrance into either the United States Merchant Marine Academy or a Navy-accredited State Maritime Academy accompanied by an agreement to accept a Naval Reserve commission, if offered.

9. Enlistment and service in an authorized Reserve component and pursuance of an approved course of technical or specialist training accompanied by an agreement to accept a Reserve commission, if offered.

10. A six-year enlistment in the Enlisted Reserve Corps for not more than one month's active duty each year.

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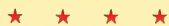
LEGIONITEMS



Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1, Denver, Colorado, second largest in the Legion with a membership of well over 10,000, broke ground on August 19 for its million dollar memorial home. Participating in the ceremonies were General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the victorious Allied Armies in Europe in WW2, and Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who directed naval operations in the South Pacific. First spadeful of earth was turned by former U. S. District Judge J. Foster Symes, one of Denver's first Legionnaires. Harold R. Dolan, President of the Post's Building Corporation, was master of ceremonies. Post Commander Tom FitzGerald, challenging the position held by Omaha (Nebraska) Post No. 1 for many years, predicted that the Legion's largest Post would be in Denver within a few months.



Legionnaires of Charles P. Rowe Post No. 30, Pomona, California, helped establish a record of placing the world's largest air marker in 97-foot high letters on top of the mammoth grandstand of the Los Angeles County fairgrounds. The painting was completed in one afternoon, Boy Scouts and Junior Chamber of Commerce men cooperating. More than 100 gallons of black and yellow traffic line paint and thinner was required for the job, and all smeared on with hand brushes... Voyageurs Militaire of Voiture No. 946, 40' n 8, Lansing, Michigan, gave thrilling rides on their locomotive to 219 kiddies at the annual Michigan State Highway picnic on August 17... National Trail Post No. 756, one of Ohio's youngest Legion outfits, located in the Hopewell community just west of Zanesville, will have a home of its own in the not-too-distant future as the result of the gift of two acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garish.



Legionnaire William E. Clark, WW2 vet, and his wife, Mrs. Arlene Clark, are the newly elected Commander and President of William T. McCoy Post and Auxiliary Unit of Rochester, Minnesota. Another husband-wife team of skippers... Big Spring (Texas) Post No. 355 had an active part in the dedication of the new six million dollar Veteran Administration Hospital at Big Spring. The Post has instituted a program of aid to the patients... Sophus G. Dahl, Commander of Edward H. Lorrison Post No. 121, Watsonville, California, in 1928-29, installed his son, Jack Dahl to skipper the outfit during the 1950-51 term. Commander Jack was active in the Sons of the Legion before his WW2 service made him eligible for membership in the parent organization.



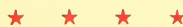
Gaines T. Evans Post No. 44, Hot Springs, New Mexico, has established an

annual \$250 scholarship to be awarded to a worthy student graduating from the local high school or to a student in college. 1950 award went to Harry Dorris, Jr., 22, non-veteran, physically handicapped student in Portalis Normal... First Ward Post No. 1254, Binghamton, New York, dedicated its new clubhouse on July 23. In six years the Post has climbed from a membership of 90 to 651. Two officers, Adjutant Joseph M. Holic, Sr., and Historian Robert Gilmore, have served in these positions since the unit was organized. The clubhouse will serve as a community center for Binghamton's First Ward... Oscar R. Howell, life-time Vice Commander of Mathews-Carter Post No. 325, Manchester, Ohio, reports that his unit has 16 members eligible for 30-year cards.

PEP UP MEETINGS—USE MANUAL OF CEREMONIES

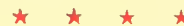
Interesting and businesslike Post meetings are a must if maximum attendance is to be expected. *The Manual of Ceremonies* sets forth the proper manner in which Post meetings should be conducted. Is your Post using it? If not, a search of the Post files should produce a copy of the official *Manual*. If not found, the Post Commander can get a copy from Department Headquarters.

Past Commanders of Middletown Post No. 151, Middletown, New York, are hardy troopers. Adjutant Donald Brakes reports that every one of the Commanders since organization in 1919 are still living. A life membership card was recently awarded Dr. Moses A. Stivers, oldest of the Past Commanders, for his long and faithful service... T. L. Spence, Jr., Post No. 31, Thomasville, Georgia has a membership champion—Harvey L. Chastain—who signed up more than 250 members for 1950. The Post recently put on a home talent play, "The Drunkard," which netted the welfare fund more than \$1,000... Union City (New Jersey) Post No. 46 with the North Hudson Chapter, Navy Mothers, sponsor a servicemen's canteen which has become something of a servicemen's club in its area. Commander Frank E. Bennett says that the canteen entertains service men from all over the country, and that many have joined the Post after stopping at the canteen.



Athens (Greece) Post celebrated the Fourth of July by placing wreaths on the tomb of Greece's Unknown Soldier and at the monument to the American Philhellenes, finishing the day with a patriotic gathering at Kavouri Beach, reports Demetrios K. Caltchas, District Commander. The wreath at the monument was placed by Mrs. Edith H. O'Leary, former Historian of James A. Burns Post

No. 1, Seoul, Korea, assisted by her husband Cornelius W. O'Leary, Past Commander of the Korea Post... Hollis Belaire Post No. 980, New York, presented a Legion Medal for proficiency in American history to Robert Hartman of Public School 35 "in recognition of his living the best traditions of American history in his outstanding services to school and community."



After a five-year search, New York Public Library has rounded up the most complete file in existence of all editions of *Yank, The Army Weekly*, the GI magazine which circled the globe during WW2. This includes the "error" first issue printed in New York, with the incongruous cover—a GI with a fistfull of money celebrating the then recent raise in Army pay. The picture was all right by itself, but set against it in inch-high letters was "Why We Fight," the title of a letter from President Roosevelt. The issue was quickly destroyed after some 50,000 had been printed—only one copy is known to exist today... Department of Minnesota has topped \$450,000 in its drive to create a half-million dollar memorial fund to maintain a research professorship at the University of Minnesota in rheumatic fever and heart disease, particularly as they affect children. With the goal practically in sight, the University has appointed Dr. Lewis Thomas, WW2 Navy vet, to fill the special professorship.



Fort Bragg (North Carolina) Post No. 160 was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, Commanding General. Among its many youth activities the Post sponsored an all-expense trip for four Scouts to the Boy Scouts International Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; purchased a \$3,800 bus for the exclusive use of young people at the Fort, and furnished paint and personnel to decorate the five Boy Scout huts on the reservation... Banning (California) Post No. 129, located 90 miles east of Los Angeles, on Highways 60, 70 and 99, will set up and man a welcome and information booth for the service of motorists traveling to the Los Angeles Convention. Orange juice, coffee and doughnuts, for free, will be served to Legionnaires and information about routing, Convention activities, etc., will be dispensed.



Earle N. Genzberger, Butte, Montana, was elevated to the office of Supreme Chancellor of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythians, at the 45th biennial convention at Detroit held recently at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Supreme Chancellor Genzberger is a Past Department Commander of the Montana Legion, serving in the term 1935-36, and has been long active in Legion affairs. He will serve a two year term as the Supreme Chancellor of 300,000 Knights of Pythians located in 57 organized Domains.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY



Frank E. Lowe

Major General Frank E. Lowe, Harrison, Maine, currently serving as National Vice Commander of The American Legion, has been recalled to active duty by President Truman. On short notice, early in August, he was dispatched on a special mission to Tokyo for conference with General Douglas MacArthur, and for a looksee at the active fronts in Korea.

General Lowe just can't stay retired. He came out of WW1 a Captain, and in the interval between wars was one of the influential leaders in the Reserve Officers Association. On active duty through all of WW2, he came out a Major General—and retired. Now he is back in uniform and in the war theatre.

General Lowe has been active in the Legion since its organization, served as Department Commander of Maine, and on a number of important National Committees. He was elected National Vice Commander in 1949.

RUSSIAN YOUTH INVITED TO ILLINOIS 1951 BOYS' STATE

As a practical means of teaching the American system, the junior citizens of Illinois Boys' State extended a formal invitation to Premier Joseph Stalin to send five boys to attend the 1951 session. The resolution was proposed by Governor Dick Muraski, and was adopted by the General Assembly with a whoop. A cablegram was composed and forwarded immediately to Stalin. The cablegram said:

"One thousand citizens of Illinois Premier Boys' State, a school of functional citizenship sponsored by The American Legion, invites you to send five Russian boys to our 1951 session. We believe they will have an opportunity to learn how democracy really works while attending this great school of Americanism. Premier Boys' State is anxious to have Russian youth gain first-hand knowledge of our two-party democratic system of government. We invite them to weigh the value of our system to the Russian one-party system. We are not fearful of the outcome of such a test. All expenses paid during the eight-day tour."

Rosenblum in Hot Spot

Abraham J. Rosenblum, New York City attorney, long active in the Legion and a former Judge Advocate of the Department of New York, is Transportation Officer of the Ryukus Command, located on Okinawa. Called into service in 1942, Legionnaire Rosenblum remained in service at the end of the war and is now a Colonel, Regular Army.

CHILD HELP THRU LEGION IS ALL-TIME HIGH IN '50

An all-time record in aid to children has been set by The American Legion in 1950.

The Child Welfare Report to the 1950 National Convention will show total Legion aid to children of \$6,810,180.36—more than a half-million dollars greater than the previous high in Legion help for children.

The record is based on a tabulation of reports received by the National Child Welfare Division from 50 Departments of The American Legion, 53 Auxiliary Departments, 34 Grande Voitures of the 40 et 8, and 41 Salons Departmental of the 8 et 40.

National Child Welfare Chairman Dr. A. H. Wittmann, of Philadelphia, expressed deep appreciation to the 50,000 volunteer child welfare workers of The Legion and affiliates for "this major contribution to the welfare of children and the consequent future strength of the nation."

Each state report was in turn a tabulation of reports received by the Department Child Welfare Chairmen from the individual posts. In all, more than 5,000 American Legion Posts and approximately 10,000 Auxiliary Units reported child welfare expenditures.

Direct assistance to needy children from Legion funds made up a major portion of the work of the year, with \$1.8 million dollars spent for this purpose by The Legion and Auxiliary to provide the necessities of life for needy children.

Other items included in the child welfare report are: aid and service provided by the 40 et 8, more than \$600,000; aid by the 8 et 40, nearly \$200,000; child welfare funds spent for character-building and recreational activities, \$675,000; aid secured from outside sources for children through efforts of Legion and Auxiliary, \$2.5 million; contributions to other welfare organizations made by Legion Posts and Departments alone, \$317,000.

FLORIDA COMMANDER PEPS SMALL POST MEMBERSHIP

When W. B. Harrison was installed as Commander of Tri-City Post No. 18, Wildwood, Florida, on May 1, 1949, his outfit had 22 members—highest up to that date. A mainline engineer for the Seaboard Railroad, Commander Harrison was out of his bailiwick half of the time, but within 60 days he had boosted the membership to 135 and by Department Convention time the enrollment stood at 150, reports Department Adjutant A. Reid Mann.

Commander Harrison was awarded the Century Citation for 1949 and 1950, and has started on another Century kudo (for signing up 100 or more) for 1951. He was awarded the W. Porter Harris Membership Trophy at the 1950 Florida Department Convention.

WM. B. STONE, MISSOURI LEGION LEADER, IS DEAD



William B. Stone

William B. Stone, member of the National Executive Committee for the Department of Missouri, died at his home at Kansas City on July 31 after an illness of several weeks. He had a long record of Legion service in many capacities in William J. Bland Post No. 50, in his District, Department and in the National organization.

Legionnaire Stone had served as the representative of Missouri on the National Executive Committee since 1942. In addition to numerous other national offices and appointments, he was a member of the Advisory Committees to National Commanders John Stelle and Paul H. Griffith. In business life he was Vice President of the Potts-Turnbull Advertising Agency of Kansas City.

Committeeman Stone is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ione W. Stone.

PRIZES AWARDED WINNERS IN POST HISTORY CONTEST

National Historian Monte C. Sandlin has announced the winners in the National Post History contest, conducted under his direction. Because of the great number of Posts organized since the end of WW2, the contestants were divided into two groups: Type I, Posts seven years old or older, and Type II, Posts not over six years old.

Winner of the top prize in the first group was John P. Sullivan, Historian of Crosscup-Pishon Post No. 281, Boston, Massachusetts, who took down the \$150 award and citation. Runners up were E. Bessie Nelson, Historian, Florence Nightingale Post No. 709, Rochester, New York, \$100, and Edgar N. Danielson, Historian, Murray-Troutt Post No. 262, Camden, New Jersey, \$50. Certificates of honorable mention were granted to Jesse H. Jay, Historian, Estes Park Post No. 119, Estes Park, Colorado, and William H. Burkhart, Historian, Oscar M. Hykes Post No. 223, Shippenburg, Pennsylvania.

In the second group, the winner of first award of \$100 was Cassandra Aaron, Historian, Vining-Goodman Post No. 501, Macon, Georgia. Runner up was Lester Fox, Historian, South Fort Worth Post No. 569, Fort Worth, Texas. Certificates of honorable mention were awarded to Leo C. Eckert, Historian, U. S. Internal Revenue Post No. 186, Baltimore, Maryland, and to Parker Benton Post No. 1392, Indian Lake, N. Y.

The judges in the national contest were Harold D. Robinson, Chairman, Publicity Director, The American Legion Auxiliary; Frank J. Myers, Department Historian, Indiana, and Jack Oakey, Director of the Legion National Field Service.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

7th (Lucky 7th) Armored Division—Annual reunion, Detroit, Mich., September 30-October 1; Fort Shelby Hotel. Registration fee \$10; send to John Marion, P. O. Box 4537, Detroit. Info from Wolverine Chapter, 7th Armored Division, 14069 Marlowe, Detroit.

8th (Pathfinder) Infantry Division—3rd annual reunion, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 16-18; Netherlands Plaza Hotel. Details from Chaim A. Young, Exec. Secy., 1736 Kemper Ave., Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

27th (New York) Division Assn.—Annual reunion, Albany, N. Y., October 6-7; Hotel Ten Eyck. Write Joseph P. Dooley, Secy., 640 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

36th (Texas) Infantry Division Assn.—Annual Reunion, Fort Worth, Texas, October 27-29; Texas Hotel. Info from Gen. Richard B. Dunbar, 815 1/2 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, Texas.

37th (Buckeye) Infantry Division, California Sector—Reunion headquarters, Desert Room, Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, during Legion Convention, October 9-12. Howard H. Sturwald, Secy., P. O. Box 50, Vet Administration Branch, Los Angeles 25, Cal.

45th (Thunderbird) Infantry Division—5th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., October 13-15; Harrison Hotel. Info from Fred Sheehan, 439 Sherwood Road, La Grange Park, Ill.

77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division—Reunion, both WWs, New York City, November 9-11; headquarters 77th Division Club, 28 East 39th St. Jack Malpass, General Chairman, address him at Club.

95th (Victory) Infantry Division—1st reunion, Chicago, Ill., October 13-15; Hotel Sherman. Details from Major General Harry L. Twaddle, (Retired), President, P. O. Box 6224, Washington 15, D. C.

World Wars Tank Corps Assn.—10th annual reunion, Los Angeles, Cal., October 9-11; Hotel Biltmore. Info from Robert O. Vernon, Chairman, 2627 No. Commonwealth, Los Angeles 27, Cal.

Chemical Warfare Service Veterans Assn.—14th annual convention, New York City, November 30. Both WWs, and men in service. Info from George W. Nichols, Secy.-Treas., RFD 4, Box 425A, Kingston, N. Y.

The Adakians (Veterans of Adak)—Reunion, New York City, January 12-14, 1951. Write M. B. Kravitz, Chairman, 305 Brighton Beach Ave., Brooklyn 35, N. Y., for details.

108th Evacuation Hospital—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., October 7; Midland Hotel. Info from Peter Winslow, 3520 W. 64th Place, Chicago 29, Ill.

USS Joseph T. Dickman, (APA)—2nd annual reunion, Philadelphia, October 28-29; Hotel Bellevue Stratford. Write Edward Anthony, Secy., 131 Emerald Ave., Cape May, N. J.

322nd Field Signal Bn. (WW1)—Annual reunion, Fresno, Cal., November 11; Hotel Sequoia. Details from Jess Sawyer, 2951 Broadway, Oakland, Cal. or Dave Levinson, Arcade Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

201st Infantry Regiment—4th annual reunion, Fairmont, W. Va., October 14-15. Write C. G. (Gus) Communtzis, P. O. Box 536, Morgantown, W. Va.

113th Cavalry—Reunion, Des Moines, Iowa, January 13-14, 1951; Hotel Fort Des Moines. Contact John M. Bidwell, 3207 5th Ave., Des Moines 13, Iowa.

66th Field Artillery Brigade, (146th and 148th FA) WW1—Reunion, banquet, Los Angeles, Cal., October 10; Hotel Alexandria. Theodore Bowen, Secy., 542 So. Broadway, Los Angeles.

Co. E, 138th Infantry, (WW1)—Annual reunion, St. Louis, Mo., November 11; York Hotel. Contact Art Schawacker, 5334 Delor St., St. Louis 9, Mo.

12th Engineers L. R. (WW1)—11th reunion, St. Louis, Mo., October 13-14; York Hotel. Write Charles J. Almstedt, Secy.-Treas., 4031a St. Louis Ave., St. Louis 7, Mo.

109th Engineers, (WW1)—Reunion, Omaha, Neb., October 21-22. Write E. W. Rockwell, 1815 Avenue E, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

309th Field Artillery Assn., 78th Div.—Annual reunion dinner, Rochester, N. Y., November 4; Doud Memorial Post Home. Info and reservations from Philip Guenther, 898 Buffalo Road, Rochester 11, N. Y.

314th Engineers, 89th Div., (WW1)—Annual reunion, St. Louis, Mo., November 4. Info from Clarence A. Koenig, Secy., 3911 Chippewa St., St. Louis 16, Mo.

107th Evacuation Hospital Assn.—4th annual reunion, Springfield, Mass., October 20-22; Hotel Bridgway. Write Giles A. Laughrea, Jr., 23 Otis St., Watertown 72, Mass.

144th Infantry Regt., Par Oneri Club—Reunion, Fort Worth, Texas, October 28-29; Blackstone Hotel. Details from W. J. Hefner, Secy.-Treas., P. O. Box 805, Fort Worth 1, Texas.

148th Field Hospital, 37th Div.—30th annual reunion, Bowling Green, Ohio, October 1. Write O. N. Grover, Bowling Green, Ohio.

164th Infantry Regiment—Reunion, Dickinson, N. D., October 13. Write Elmo R. Olson, Finley, N. D., for information.

3rd Pioneer Infantry Veterans Assn., (WW1)—13th annual reunion, Minneapolis, Minn., October

28; Hotel Leamington. Write Reuben S. Remole, 510 S. 7th St., Minneapolis 15, Minn.

82nd Infantry Division, AEF—Annual reunion dinner, New York City, Memorial Hall, 28 E. 39th St., November 25. Contact Manuel Safferman, 65 West 51st St., New York City.

82nd Infantry Division, AEF, Southern Chapter—Semi-annual reunion, Macon, Georgia, November 12; Hotel Dempsey. Write James F. Brown, P. O. Box 216, Macon, Ga.

USS Procyon—1st annual reunion, St. Louis, Mo., October 31-November 1; Hotel Jefferson. Contact Joe W. Bentley, Box 144, Montgomery City, Mo.

Co. D, 36th Engineers—2nd annual reunion. Write Mike Kennedy, 1132 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., for full details.

Battery D, 80th FA, 7th Division, (WW1)—For reunion date and place contact Frank C. Grieves, 3931 No. Percy St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.

UNIT MEETS SCHEDULED AT LOS ANGELES CONVENTION

A National Convention of The American Legion always furnishes opportunity for a great number of service comrade shindigs and outfit reunions. That at Los Angeles, set for October 8-12, is no exception.

Leo A. Stromee, Chairman of Reunions and Dinners (947 West 7th St., Los Angeles 17) has compiled a list of dinners and reunions for which definite time and place have been set. The list is not complete, because of early closing of the magazine, but will serve as a guide to thousands of conventioners. Cut it out for use when you arrive in the City of the Angels!

REUNIONS AND DINNERS

Society of the First Division—Banquet; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 P.M.; "Old Dixie," 4267 So. Western Ave.; Adolph Sutro, Chairman.

2nd Division Association, A.E.F.—Dinner; Oct. 11, 6:30 P.M.; Nikabob Restaurant, 9th and Western Ave.; H. E. McGee, Chairman, AX 6121.

4th Division, So. Cal. Camp Society—Dinner; Monday, Oct. 9, 7 P.M.; Botwins Banquet Room, 1911 Sunset Blvd.; Jake Wexler, Chairman, DU 2-5993.

5th Division Society So. California—Dinner; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8 P.M.; Rosslyn Hotel; Ken Walter, Chairman, CA 1-2135.

26th Division—Dinner; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 P.M.; Hayward Hotel; Hdqrs. Patriotic Hall; Roland D. Hussey, Chairman, ARIZONA 3-2144.

28th Division—Reception (only); Tuesday, Oct. 10, 5:30 P.M.; Ambassador Hotel; John A. S. Schoch, Chairman, EMpire 2-1321; Joseph F. McCann, Co-Chairman, Webster 1-1981.

33rd Division—Dinner; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 P.M.; Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 Washington Blvd.; Joseph J. Gubsky, Chairman, 247 W. Florence Ave.

35th Division—Dinner; place and time announced later. Richard Church, Chairman, PR 5656.

77th Division So. Cal.—Barbecue; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6 P.M.; 640 North Geneva St., Glendale; Hdqrs. Hotel Clark; Louis Messina, Chairman, Citrus 2-6175; Leo Stromee, Secy.

23rd Engineers—Dinner; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 P.M.; Chapman Park Hotel, 615 So. Alexandria St.; C. H. Jefferies, Chairman, Jefferson 5291.

26th Engineers—Dinner; Monday, Oct. 9, 7 P.M.; Biltmore Hotel; Roy W. Bordeaux, Chairman, CA 4244; Dr. A. A. Fricke, Secy., 1136 W. 6th St.

66th Field Artillery Brigade—Dinner; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6 P.M.; Alexandria Hotel; Hdqrs. Alexandria Hotel Lobby; C. W. Haugsten, Chairman, AX 1-5577.

Veterans of A.E.F. Siberia—Dinner; Oct. 10, 6:30 P.M.; Sequoia Lodge, 2160 E. 39th St.; Hdqrs. Biltmore Hotel; Fred Halmos, Chairman, WH 1186.

89th Division Society Cal. Sector—Dinner and Show; Sunday, Oct. 8, 5 P.M.; Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 W. Washington Blvd.; Hdqrs. Patriotic Hall; Calvin E. Reed, Chairman, 3312 1/2 Montone.

319th Engineers WW1—Dinner; Oct. 7, 7 P.M.; Rodger Young Auditorium; Col. K. Bean, Chairman, City Hall.

National Assn. of American Balloon Corps Vets—Dinner; Monday, Oct. 9, 6:30 P.M.; Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel; Hdqrs. Hotel Mayfair; George Perris, Chairman, AN 8201.

National Yeomen F—Luncheon; Oct. 11, 12 noon; Mayfair Hotel, 1256 W. 7th St., L.A.; Etta M. Zeh, Chairman, Lomita 2194 R.

National World War Nurses—Breakfast; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8-10 A.M.; Biltmore Hotel, Loretta O'Connor, Chairman, MU 9211 Sta. 3307.

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COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Co. A, 322nd Engineer Bn., 97th Div.—Will anyone who was in station hospital, Camp Cooke, Cal., with Tech. Sgt. Arthur C. Olson, August to November, 1944, please write his widow. Statement needed to prove claim. Mrs. Arthur C. Olson, 709 Cascade Ave., Hood River, Oregon.

Battery D, 83rd FA—Need statements from men with me at Camp Benning, 1922-23 when I fell from a horse, particularly Earl W. Tucker, (Mystic, Ga.); Salvatore Tanda, (Bessemer, Ala.), and Henry Mitchell, (Hickory, N.C.). Write George C. Trent, Rt. 2, Luther, Tenn.

942nd Topographical Engineers—Urgently need to locate Capt. Shelami and Sgt. Cooper, who were with me at Will Rogers Field, Okla., in 1944-45. Statements needed for claim, foot and back condition. August F. King, 424 Deer St., Dunkirk, N. Y.

130th Medical Bn., Camp Rucker, Ala.—Will anyone who knows present address of Capt. Townsend above outfit June through December, 1944, please write Theodore L. Lantz, 307 S. Jackson St., Mt. Carroll, Ill. Claim pending.

Co. B, 29th Engineers, (WW1)—Widow of Samuel Sampson urgently needs to contact members this unit who know of him being gassed and hospitalized in France. Write Mrs. Helen Sampson, 2334 Dartmouth Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

U. S. Navy—Will anyone who knows address of Donald Brown, served Navy, Fargo Bldg., Boston, Mass., (sick bay), 1946, please write to George E. Roscoe, Service Officer, American Legion Post No. 14, Vergennes, Vt. Veteran's last known address was Plaistowe, N. H.

USS Norfolk, A-1—Guard Ship—Need help from shipmates respecting injury from fall on deck, particularly S1/c Melvin (Chubby) Stratan, (Eatonton, Pa.); SM3/c Ivy Lee Kimball, (Port Arthur, Tex.); GM2/c Marvin Leadick, (Alton, Ill.); S1/c Joseph Depetro, (Boston, Mass.), and Jack McNulty, (Mass.) Statements needed to prove claim. Write Peter L. Prince, Jr., Box 55, Long Pond, Maine.

30th Pursuit Squadron, AAF—Want to locate Capt. Frank B. James, C.O.; 1st Lt. Harold B. Tompkins, M.C.; 1st Lt. William N. Richardson, ADS&M, and 1st Sgt. Henry P. Womack. Need statements to complete claim. William Joseph Blair, 1043 So. Seaman Ave., El Monte, Cal.

218th CA, 769th FA Bn., or Co. K, 331st Infantry, 83rd Div.—Urgently need to contact men who served with me in above outfits, especially Cpl. Ed Connors, (Cal.); Cpl. L. Kehoe, (Iowa); Lt. J. B. Moore, and Pvt. L. Kaing. Claim pending. Thomas J. Keegan, 4321 Northcote Ave., East Chicago, Ind.

210th Gen. Hospital, Ft. Gulick, C. Z.—Urgently need present address of 1st Lt. McMahon, M.C.; Major Cohen, M.C., 2nd Lt. Dorothy Fuller, A.N.C., and 2nd Lt. Hazel J. Howe, A.N.C., this station in 1942. Horace A. Sewell, Jr., 239 14th St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Hdqrs. Co., 3rd Bn., 318th Inf., 80th Div., (WW2)—Will 1st Lt. Parham or S/Sgt. Casper Jenkins, Communications Platoon, or others who remember the shell blast that injured Pfc. Victor Altimira and Pvt. Paul McKinney, please write. Info needed to establish claim. Raymond K. Cook, Adjutant, American Legion Post No. 160, Alachua, Fla.

Co. L, 15th Infantry, 3rd Div.—Will George Miglore, (ex-Chicago, Ill.), who served with me in North Africa, please write. Need help to prove claim. Jimmy Curro, 14 Ellis St., Lynn, Mass.

222nd Station Hospital and Co. A, 11th Medical Tgn. Bn., Cap Pickett—Will anyone who knows of my going on sick call while at this station, please write. Statements needed. Samuel Streicher, 150 E. 182nd St., Bronx 53, N. Y.

LCT 364—Will shipmates during Salerno invasion please write. Lt. (jg) R. J. Williams was skipper; "Perunovic" of Pensacola, Fla. is also remembered. Write Dwayne (Slim) Fife, Box 63, Carriers Mills, Ill.

USS Bon Homme Richard—Need to hear from Walter P. Coleman and Winfred Shytte, of 3rd division; Dr. Richardson and the corpsman who taped my back when in Philippines. Welborn E. Lusk, 726 Ave. A, West, Hutchinson, Kansas.

SS Washington—Will Lt. McCutcheon or anyone who served in the Armed Guard under him, please write. Claim pending. Letson Morris, Oakman, Ala.

Squadron C, 3539th AAF, BU, Langley Field—Want to contact men who served with me. March through September, 1945. Statements needed for claim. Donald B. LeSieur, 1817 No. 10th St., Paducah, Ky.

11th Airborne Division, (WW2)—Need to locate men who jumped with me at Buna, New Guinea, in fall of '44. Injured when I fell on head and shoulder. Statement needed for claim and hospital care. Joseph P. De Vitis, 425 Charter St., Canonsburg, Pa.

45th Heavy Construction Bn., Camp Crowder, Mo.—Need statement from Lt. Gould and Lt. Johnson, (later Capt.) regarding injuries in fall from telephone pole, 1944. H. W. Bussell, 4127 Polk Street, El Paso, Texas.

34th General Hospital, Winchester, England—

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MILT CAMPBELL SUCCUMBS AT HIS CINCINNATI HOME

Milt D. Campbell, Past National Vice Commander and former National Defense Director of The American Legion, died at his home at Cincinnati on August 11 after a long illness. He was one of the Legion founders and through all the years has played a vital role in shaping the policies and directing the programs of the Legion.



Milt D. Campbell

Charter member of Robert E. Bently Post No. 50 of Cincinnati, he attended the St. Louis Caucus in May, 1919. He had served in nearly every capacity in his Post and in 1929 was elected National Vice Commander at the Convention at Louisville, Kentucky. Later, in 1935-36, he served as Department Commander of Ohio.

Early in the life of the Legion he became interested in child welfare work and served for several years as Chairman of the National Child Welfare Committee. In 1937 he joined the National Headquarters staff as Assistant Director of the National Child Welfare Division, but at the outbreak of WW2 he was transferred to the Legion's National Defense Division as Executive Director, in which capacity he served until failing health forced his resignation in May, 1948. Director Campbell was recognized as one of the nation's best informed authorities on national security and defense.

Legionnaire Campbell is survived by his wife, Aline, and two sons, Wendell and Braxton, and by his mother, Mrs. Braxton Campbell, all of Cincinnati.

DEDICATION

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the building occupied during the first weeks of September.

The old Headquarters building, familiar to a generation of Legionnaires as well as an established landmark in Indianapolis, will not be abandoned, but will continue in important use as a Legion and veterans center. It will serve the National Headquarters of The American Legion Auxiliary, the Legion and Auxiliary of the Department of Indiana, and the National Headquarters of the Forty'n Eight.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

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Will George or Cliff, former patients September to November, 1944, please contact me. Important. Andrew R. Huchho, 2 Millbridge St., Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

ASFTC, Fort Belvoir, Va.—Will men who knew me at this camp in 1945, especially Cpl. Cordova and Sgt. Feters, please write. Claim pending. William L. Mitchell, P. O. Box 343, Peebles, Ohio. 751st Field Artillery, Camp Bowie, Texas—James Clark, Rt. 1, Leicester, N. C., was injured at above camp; outfit left him there. Needs help with claim; will appreciate statements from service comrades who remember him and his accident.

SOCIAL SECURITY CREDIT GRANTED TO WW2 VETERANS

Veterans of WW2 belatedly receive wage credits under the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance program for all time spent in active military service.

H.R. 6000, lengthy amendment to the Federal Social Security Act, signed by President Truman on August 28, grants a wage credit of \$160 per month under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance system for each month of honorable service in WW2. The American Legion since 1942 has been pointing out the injustice of failure to maintain Social Security credits, and for the past three years has carried on a vigorous legislative campaign to win this point for veterans.

Social Security Act amendments also include other important changes in the program, many of which were mandated by the National Convention and supported by The Legion. It is estimated that the authorization of \$160 per month credit for military service will add between one and a half and two billion dollars to the Social Security accounts of veterans of WW2. This addition will result in increased Social Security benefits to WW2 veterans upon retirement at age 65 or to their surviving dependents in case of death.

PAST NATL. VICE COMMANDER JOHN A. McCORMACK DEAD

John A. McCormack, Past National Vice Commander of The American Legion, is dead at the Great Lakes, Ill.,

Naval Station. He had long service in both the U. S. Navy and the Legion.

Enlisting in the Navy in 1904, he was a veteran of both World Wars. Active in the organization of the Legion he was elected National Vice Commander at the New Orleans Convention on October 20, 1922. He was an organizer of Kit Carson Post No. 43, Fort Lyon, Colorado, and later served as its Commander.

Drummers to Compete at Convention

The national competition of the Rudimental Drummers of America will hold its contest in the gymnasium of Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, during the American Legion National Convention, October 9-12. While this is not an official Legion event, Legion drummers may enter in either of the two divisions—one is open to all contestants, the other is restricted to veterans. The Secretary is Joe A. Hathaway, 9123 W. Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 34, California, who will answer inquiries.

Arkansas Member Getter

For the past 5 years, W. Harry Martin, Adjutant of Carlton-Devanie Post No. 49, Stamps, Arkansas, has not fallen below 83 percent of total enrollment of his Post members and has not fallen below 131 members in any year. His record for 1950 is 177 members signed up for a total of 87 percent of the Post membership. Adjutant Martin has been a member of the Arkansas Century Club since its organization four years ago and has a flock of citations and awards for member effort.

LOS ANGELES REUNIONS

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Retreads—Dinner; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 P.M.: Biltmore Hotel; Herb Coffey, Chairman, Webster 8378.

American Legion Luncheon Club—Luncheon Entertainment; Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12 Noon; Rodger Young Auditorium 936 W. Washington Blvd., L. A.; Lt. Harry Englund, Chairman, Police Dept.; Col. Irwin Minger, Pres.

Aviators—Banquet; honoring memory of Gen'l. Hap. Arnold, U.S. Air Force; Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8 P.M.; Case Hotel, 11th and Broadway, PR 0145; Ted Gillenwaters, Chairman, RYAN 16759.

91st Division Post 356 and 91st Div. Ass'n.—Dinner; Sunday, Oct. 8, 6:30 P.M.; Dining Room, Patriotic Hall; Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel Room 1123, P. C. Saturday-Sunday-Monday only; Dr. John E. Eames, Chairman; Chan Marks, Co-Chairman.

National Sojourners—Dinner; Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 P.M.; Officers Club, 2600 Wilshire Blvd. Major Fred H. Vaughn, Chairman, MU 8533; Brig. Merritt B. Curtis, U.S.M.C., 1608 20th St., Washington, D.C., National Secretary.

Purple Heart Holders—Meeting; Monday, Oct. 9, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; Dining Room, Patriotic Hall; Hdqrs. Hayward Hotel; Adolph Sutro, Chairman, RI 7-3396.

American Legion Press Association—Dinner; invitational only; Sunday, Oct. 8, 6:30 P.M. place, to be announced; Walter Naughton, Chairman, Los Angeles Examiner; Al Wienberg, TH 1560.

National Commanders Dinner—Monday nite, Oct. 9, 7:30 P.M.; Biltmore Hotel, \$10.00; Vic MacKenzie, Chairman, Natl. Hdqrs.; W. R. Burke, Co-Chairman, HU 2-1137.

American Legion Founders Society—Dinner; Oct. 7, 7 P.M.; Jonathan Club; William H. McIntyre, Chairman, Natl. Hdqrs.

Military Order of World Wars—Breakfast; Wednesday, Oct. 11, 8 A.M.; L. A. Breakfast Club, 3201 Los Feliz Blvd., NO 2-1191; Frank J. Buckley, Chairman, 4160 Wilshire Blvd., WH 1131.

National Historians—Breakfast; Oct. 10, 8:30 A.M.; Biltmore Hotel; Monte C. Sandlin, Chairman, Natl. Hdqrs.; Walter Naughton, Co-Chairman, Los Angeles Examiner, RI 1212.

Kiwanis Club of Los Angeles—Luncheon; Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12 Noon; Biltmore Hotel. Visiting Kiwanians invited. John R. Quinn, Past Natl. Commander, Chairman.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

JULY 31, 1950

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit	\$ 627,613.43
Receivables	269,874.69
Inventories	314,273.23
Invested Funds	1,462,246.12
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 252,016.61
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund	1,205,147.83
Real Estate, less depreciation	374,989.52
Furniture and Fixtures, less depreciation	255,923.59
Deferred Charges	124,306.76
	<u>\$4,886,391.78</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 197,758.10
Funds restricted as to use	621,980.25
Deferred Income	921,777.65
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust	\$ 252,016.61
Employees' Retirement	
Trust	1,205,147.83
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund	\$739,646.20
Restricted Fund	14,949.86
Reserve for construction of Washington office	319,815.46
Real Estate	80,000.00
	1,154,411.52
Unrestricted Capital:	
Surplus	97,180.98
Excess of Income over Expense 7 months	436,118.84
	<u>11,687,711.34</u>
	<u>\$4,886,391.78</u>

Veterans Newsletter

A digest of events which are likely
to be of personal interest to you

October, 1950

INDEMNITY FOR DEPENDENTS OF SERVICE DEAD:

Bills to provide gratuitous indemnity in amounts up to \$10,000 for survivors of those who die in active service in the Armed Forces have been introduced in the House by Congressmen John Rankin, (H.R. 9437), and Porter Hardy, Jr., (H.R. 9440)....The bills, differing sharply in details, are designed to provide automatic protection without cost to those indemnified....If enacted, it may mean that Congress will thereby limit the expansion of the vets' NSLI program.

In July the Hardy Committee issued a report on the operation of NSLI....Criticism of VA for administration of NSLI was caustic....Recommended that Congress study ways to provide coverage for all who die in line of duty in active service, and reduce the cost of such protection to the Federal Government....House Veterans' Affairs Committee has scheduled an interim study of the vets insurance program as basis for submitting recommendations to 82nd Congress....Impact of Korean operation had the effect of hastening the submission of bills designed to present the proposed changes to Congress....Both the Rankin and Hardy indemnity bills provide amendments to the National Life Insurance Act of 1940 to provide insurance for those discharged with service-connected disablements.

CONGRESS PASSES GI FAMILY ALLOWANCE BILLS:

House and Senate have both passed bills restoring a Government-paid family allowance ranging from \$45 to \$155 for officers and enlisted men in the Armed Services....Differences in the two versions will be adjusted in conference and there is good promise of early settlement of the question....Both bills passed by a voice vote, and without opposition....Differences to be adjusted are in rates of payment.

Under the House bill, an allotment of \$40 a month is to be deducted from the pay of the three lower enlisted grades--private, private first class and corporal....To this the Government would add \$45 for one dependent; \$70 for two dependents, and \$85 for more than two dependents....Families of enlisted men in the upper grades--sergeants and above--would get more....But these non-commissioned officers would be compelled to contribute more, either \$60 or \$80 monthly from their pay....Total payment to a family would range up to \$155 for the wife and two children of an Army Master Sergeant or Navy Chief Petty Officer.

Senate bill provides for minimum payment of \$85 monthly for wife, child or dependent parent in three lower enlisted grades....The man would contribute \$40 and the Government, \$45....Two dependents would receive a minimum of \$107.50, and three or more \$115 monthly....The compulsory allotment in all cases would be \$40 monthly....Upper grades take different rates....House plan would make the payments retroactive to August 1, to terminate April 1, 1953....The Senate plan goes farther back, to July 1st....The estimated cost is \$242,000,000.

COMBAT ZONE SERVICE MEN TAX EXEMPT:

Exemption from income taxes for all pay received by GIs while in combat zones and a \$200 a month war area exemption for officers has been approved by

Senate Finance Committee....President Truman is to define combat areas.

GI BILL FOR KOREAN VETS:

An omnibus bill to provide benefits for Korean veterans similar to those granted to WW2 veterans is being prepared by the Rehabilitation, Legislative and Economic staffs of The American Legion....Bill will include provisions for: Automatic insurance for at least \$5,000 with coverage from June 25, 1950 for a period of 120 days after enactment of new law; extend vocational training benefits of Public Law 16, 78th Congress, to those with service-connected disabilities; recognize Korean servicemen as war veterans rather than peace-time veterans for disability and death compensation and pensions; extend so-called non-service connected hospitalization rights; provide education and training under Title II, Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill); loan guaranty privileges under Title III, same law, and the readjustment allowance (52-20) under Title V.

VA ON EMERGENCY OPERATION BASIS:

Uncertainty as to the amount of funds that will be appropriated for the operation of VA in the fiscal year that started July 1 poses a serious situation in the opinion of National Rehabilitation Director T. O. Kraabel....Congressional delay in giving approval to the omnibus appropriation bill has placed the VA on an emergency operation basis....For July and August VA was given authority to operate on the basis of one-sixth of the funds appropriated during the fiscal year ending June 30....While exemption from cuts has been provided for the VA medical and surgical program in the new omnibus appropriation bill, there is pending the Byrd-Bridges amendment which proposes a 10 percent across-the-board cut in other VA operations.

"The importance of VA operations in behalf of veterans, the beneficiaries and dependents of veterans, makes it essential that the matter of funds to carry on be settled as promptly as possible," Kraabel stated...."Under the present emergency arrangement there is uncertainty and any planning for the future is blocked. Right now VA has adjustments to make because of new laws and the prospect of changes in basic laws to accommodate a new crop of veterans. We sincerely plead that the funds requested and approved by the White House be made available. Further cuts, even though medical and hospital services are presumably exempted, will be damaging."

NEW DEFINITION BROADENS FARM TRAINING:

VA has come up with a new and liberalized definition of the types of farming under which veterans could qualify for on-the-job training benefits....Recently Legion's Rehabilitation division joined others in protesting a proposed definition drafted by VA which would have had the effect of restricting such training to farms where the main income is derived from tilling the soil....Such a ruling would have cut out training in specialized fields such as poultry raising, fur farming, and many others....Under new regulations types of farming acceptable to VA are broadened and expanded....New regulations provide "the term farm or other agricultural establishment shall mean any place on which the basic activity is the cultivation of the ground such as

the raising and harvesting of crops, including fruits, vegetables, pastures and/or the feeding, breeding and management of livestock, including poultry and other specialized farming commonly followed in the area."...The new definition is designed to cover any type of farming that will occupy the full time of the veteran and at the conclusion of his training under Public Law 377, 80th Congress, "assure him a satisfactory income under normal conditions."

TERM OF PATENTS EXTENDED FOR WW2 VETS:

President Truman has signed, and made law, H.R. 4692 providing for the extension of the term of certain patents of persons who served in WW2.... Sponsored by Congressman Joseph P. O'Hara, (Minnesota), the measure was kicked around for six years before it became Public Law 598, 81st Congress.... The new law is designed to protect the rights of vets who owned or had interests in patents when they entered military service....It was urged that patents are issued for 17 years and are not renewable, consequently if an inventor acquired a patent in 1940 (expiring in 1957) his war service took a considerable chunk out of the life of the patent term and during which time he could do nothing to develop or market his invention...New law extends the patent term by twice the length of the applicant's service between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945.... Patent holding veterans must apply to the Commissioner of Patents, (Washington 25, D. C.), within one year from June 30, 1950, in order to get the legal protection of the time extension.

THOSE ST. MIHIEL MEDALS AGAIN:

Announcement was made in this magazine in August (Veterans Newsletter, page 38) that the special St. Mihiel Medal, issued by the city of St. Mihiel, France, to WW1 veterans was again available... Councilman Louis Thieblemont, of St. Mihiel, came to the United States and established himself at a Woodside, L.I., New York, address...He proposed to provide application blanks and assist eligible American vets to secure the medal, which was first issued several years ago...Sometime about the first of August Councilman Thieblemont removed from the Woodside place...As a consequence, some hundreds of applicants had their letters and applications returned with the postoffice notation: "Removed, left no address."...Veterans Newsletter has been deluged with letters from applicants, most of them asking for Councilman Thieblemont's new address...Before leaving Woodside, the representative of the French city gave notice through the press that his supply of application blanks had been exhausted...He advised all eligibles to submit their applications direct to M. le President de l'Association de la Medaille de St. Mihiel, Hotel de Ville, St. Mihiel, (Meuse), France.

Others have written to remind us that the list of outfits eligible for the colorful ribbon and medal, furnished by the French representative, was incorrect...Most of them caught the omission of the 4th Division...And a few pointed out that one WW2 division was listed...According to Pershing's General Order 238 the divisions engaged in the St. Mihiel Offensive were: 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 26th, 42nd, 82nd, 89th, 90th, 3rd, 35th, 78th, 80th and 91st--men from these divisions present with their outfits are eligible to wear the medal.

RETURN OF MEXICAN FLAGS APPROVED:

Flags captured in the War with Mexico, 1846-48, will be returned to our southern neighbor under Senate Joint Resolution 133, signed by President Truman on August 5...The goodwill gesture was Legion-inspired and sponsored by action of the National Executive Committee at its May, 1949, meeting...About 65 flags, guidons and other emblems

captured by U.S. troops have been kept at the Military Academy at West Point since the end of the Mexican War...Details of the formal delivery of the relics have not yet been planned...House Foreign Affairs Committee said: "The long era of cordial and friendly relations between these neighboring republics could be suitably emphasized at this juncture by ceremonies appropriately celebrating the return to Mexico of the colors under which its sons fought so gallantly long ago."

CIVIL RELIEF ACT PROTECTS SERVICEMEN:

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 is in full force and effect to protect the civil rights of any man called into service...Under this law, enforcement is suspended of civil liabilities such as debts, mortgages or other obligations which he may have and is unable to pay because of military service...Guaranty of premiums on commercial insurance policies may also be provided for, under certain conditions, under this law.

KOREA VETS HAVE FULL REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS:

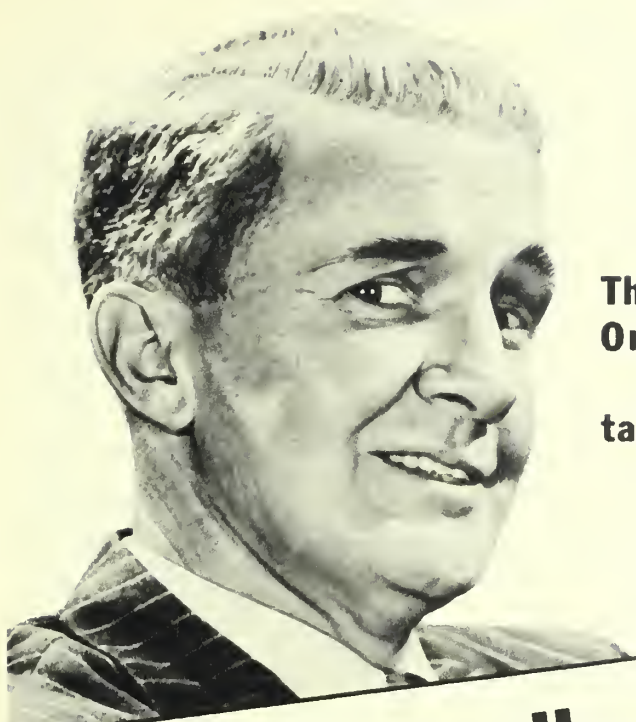
All men--volunteers, inductees, Guardsmen, retired officers and reservists--entering on or returning to active duty in the emergency brought about by the Korean embroilment, may be eligible for reemployment rights under the Selective Service Act of 1948 as amended...Director Robert K. Salyers, Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights, (Washington 25, D.C.), has issued a bulletin fully defining the conditions...The law which restores a veteran to his former position, or such other position to which he may be entitled, involves in many instances more than simple reinstatement to a job he left to enter military service...Depending upon conditions of his employment, the vet may be entitled to increased wage rates, pension benefits, vacation pay, promotions, unbroken seniority and other advantages...The proper reinstatement of a veteran with his former employer is an important economic benefit...The vet is protected against discharge without cause for a period of one year and all other benefits inherent in his job are protected against discrimination by an employer even past the so-called "statutory year," apparently as long as the employment relationship exists.

VA MEDICAL MEN ARE RESERVISTS:

Fifty-five percent of VA medical officers are Reserve Officers...Also 25 percent of the available medical Reserve Officers are in VA...Now, the problem is to get a sufficient number of such Reservists into active duty status without crippling VA Department of Medicine and Surgery...Probable solution is that if called back to colors a sufficient number would be assigned to VA to meet probable number of in-service cases who may be hospitalized in VA facilities.

STATE BONUS NOTES:

Major General Frank A. Weber, Pennsylvania Adjutant General, has announced that partial payment at the domestic rate of \$10 a month will be made to remaining applicants for the Pennsylvania WW2 bonus whose claims have been delayed because of unverified periods of service...Bonus Bureau has 268,499 claims that are temporarily classed as "irregular"...These claimants will get partial payment and return of discharge papers...Director Leslie G. Scrimger, Ohio WW2 Compensation Fund, reports that through July 31, 1950, 763,912 Ohio WW2 vets have been bonused to the extent of \$231,182,765.61 since the first checks were issued April 28, 1948...The checks averaged \$304.09 to living vets and \$380.60 to next of kin of deceased veterans...Ohio bonus program is nearing the end, with a total of 900 claims from living veterans and 115 from next of kin to be processed.



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Make the Most of Your Basement

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ceilings may be left as is or finished with wallboard or plywood. When the ceiling is left untouched, paint the beams a light color, while the underflooring and bridging may be a darker shade or a contrasting color. This will add height to the room.

Before putting on ceiling panels be sure all the electric wires are in good order and all bridging between floor joists is nailed down solid. It is a good idea to make a mark of some sort on the surface of the board where valves and joints in pipes are located so if it is necessary to get at them in the future a hole can be cut in the ceiling board. Just a tack driven into the board will do the trick.

When the larger panels (4' x 4' or 4' x 8') are used, it generally is not necessary to use any furring on the ceiling, as the joists will serve as a base for the ceiling material. However, when ceiling tiles are used, it is necessary to nail a strip of 2 x 2-inch board along each side of the joist to serve as a base on which to nail the tiles.

Now, with the walls and ceiling finished, the next problem is to finish the floor attractively. Painting, if correctly done, with proper materials and preparation, is a satisfactory and inexpensive way of finishing the floor. There are two basic types of paint available for the job — rubber base paint and oil base paint. New rubber base paints have excellent wearing properties and were developed because oil base paints are not always reliable on concrete. However, oil base floor and deck enamels are considerably less expensive than rubber base varieties and have good wearing qualities if there is no moisture in the concrete.

Cleaning is the first operation of any good paint job. If the floor has not been painted the job is relatively simple. Begin by scraping all oil and grease spots, then cover them with a layer of sawdust. Soak the sawdust with a solution of one pound of lye to a gallon of water. Leave the soaked sawdust overnight, then scrape it off. If necessary, repeat.

If the floor had been previously painted,

its condition will decide whether or not the paint has to be removed. If it is in poor condition remove it by applying, with a stiff fiber brush, a lye solution. Wear old clothes, protect your hands with rubber gloves and your shoes with old rubbers, and be *extremely careful* not to splash the lye solution. When the paint has been removed, wash the surface with clean water. It is important that every trace of lye be washed away. Allow the floor to dry 4 to 5 days, then apply the floor paint.

An excellent floor can be had by using asphalt tile. This material makes a beautiful, waterproof floor that will withstand hard usage. The tiles are cemented directly to the concrete floor with a special adhesive as specified by the manufacturer of the tile. Before applying the tile, be sure the floor is free from paint and grease.

To give the basement a warm "upstairs" feeling, a wood floor can be laid without too much trouble or expense. A single thickness of matched pine or fir flooring is recommended. The floor should be laid over stringers which are fastened to the concrete floor. The stringers may be either 2 x 4-inch or 2 x 2-inch lumber depending on the height of the cellar.

A little ingenuity can do wonders to add the finishing touches to your basement. For instance, every basement presents its own problem in the matter of concealing pipes and ducts. Vertical pipes may be enclosed by building a cabinet or lattice over them. Pipes along the ceiling may be boxed in or the ceiling dropped sufficiently so they will be covered. If concealment of pipes is impractical, the pipes may simply be cleaned of rust with a wire brush and painted a light color. Similar treatment can be used for lolly columns or posts.

Steam or hot water heating pipes can be made to serve the useful function of providing heat for the recreation room. Remove part of the asbestos covering and the pipes will give off as much heat as is generally needed. If it's still not enough,

an overhead radiator will serve the purpose. A floor radiator is impractical, because it would be below the level of the water in the boiler and so the water would not circulate properly. If none of these methods solves your problem, or if your heating plant is already taxed to the limit to heat the upper floor, the installation of a gas-steam radiator is recommended. This is a self contained unit requiring only a gas connection.

Modern furnace installations are so neat they can actually be made to fit into the decorative scheme of the recreation room. But if your home has a big coal furnace, or if you prefer to hide the heating equipment, there are several effective screens which can be used. For instance, lattice screening or porch blinds are extremely good. They look well, and in addition permit the flow of heat from the furnace into the game room. A picket fence, either painted white or stained and shellacked, also makes a good-looking screen. Such screening can also be used around washtubs, and any other equipment that is to be hidden, and still should not be cut off from a free circulation of heat, air and light.

Generally, artificial lighting is required both during the day and at night in basement recreation rooms. Fortunately, however, there are on the market fixtures of exactly the right type for these rooms. Lighting fixtures can be recessed in between ceiling beams rather than hang down in the restricted headroom. Convenient outlets should be considered for radios and other electrical items on the same plan as in a regular living room. As in other parts of the house, the outlets should be on separate circuits from the overhead lights; they should be installed by a licensed electrician.

The gayer the decorating scheme for the playroom the better, for if there is one room in the home where you can throw conservatism out the window, it is here. Colorful fabrics can be hung on the walls to serve the useful purpose of hiding such necessary fixtures as fuse boxes, and water and gas meters. Washable fabrics should be selected for the wall hangings as well as for curtaining. Everything in the room, in fact, should have a fresh, pert look.

One center of attraction in any fun room will be the bar — built in a corner or at one end of the room. The primary objective of the bar is not necessarily for adult use only, but to serve the entire family as a counter for cola, ice cream, snacks or after-school parties.

The home bar and stool detailed herewith are easy to construct since they were designed to be made with the simplest of hand tools — a hammer, saw and screw driver. Indeed, these elementary tools, found in every home, are all you need for virtually all this cellar improvement.

There are endless possibilities in planning and furnishing a basement recreation room. Since no two cellars are exactly alike, the playroom in your house is bound to be unique. So go to it. You'll have as much fun building your playroom as playing in it.

THE END

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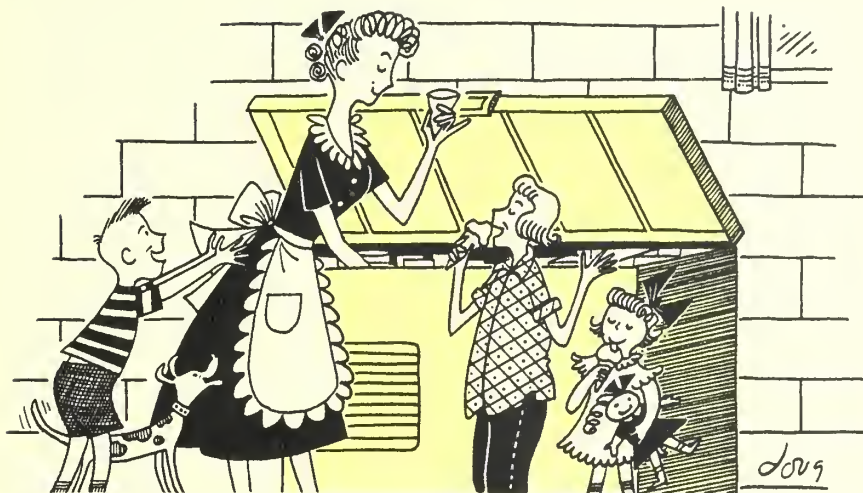
By S. B. STEVENS



AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

Pack up Your Cooking Problems

By KITTY YORK



A HOME food freezer can revolutionize your home-making

IMAGINE having your turkey stuffed, your squash cooked, your mince pies baked, weeks before your Thanksgiving dinner. Think of how good it would feel to feed eight or ten guests, and not have to spend the day in the kitchen.

Honestly, this isn't a pipe dream. All you need to make it come true is a home food freezer and "Know-how."

I've just been checking into these home freezers and I've been amazed to learn how much they can do for you.

A freezer can actually make your home as self-sufficient as a restaurant. You can have soups, meats, fish, vegetables and desserts of every kind — complete dinners from shrimp cocktail to layer cake — all ready to be served at a moment's notice. You can cook all these meals in advance, store them in the freezer, and rest assured that they'll retain their full flavor for months. A dozen of your husband's old school buddies can drop in on the way back from a football game and you won't even flicker an eye.

But it's not just for emergencies that a freezer is helpful. If you use it well, it can save you an enormous amount of time and money. Here are some suggestions.

Buy big amounts of food when you go marketing and store in the freezer what you don't need immediately. It will cut down on your shopping time and costs. Your butcher will ask much less a pound for a large piece of meat, for example, than he will charge for individual steaks and roasts.

Buy bargains even if you don't need them at once. Turkeys cost a lot less now than they will around Thanksgiving.

Do your cooking in big batches. Baking

three cakes (or pies or pans of rolls) takes only a few minutes longer than making just one. The extras store perfectly. Soups, stews, baked beans and sauces can be made in quantity. The excess can be frozen, then reheated.

How long will foods last in a freezer?

Most vegetables will last a year. The only ones that can't be successfully frozen are salad greens and whole tomatoes. Fruits will last about four months. Butter will last three months; eggs eight months; soups four months. Six months is about tops for most fish. Bread will last six months; cakes, plain or iced, about four months. Unbaked pies will store two months; baked pies four months. As for meats, beef can be stored for twelve months; lamb and veal for nine months; pork for six months; sausages and ground meat for three months; poultry a year.

In buying a freezer, get the biggest one you can manage. If you're really cramped for floor space, you can get a vertical model shaped just like your refrigerator.

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It's often easier to make a lamp than to find one you like. And it costs less.

First, decide how big a lamp you want. Nowadays, lamps 30 inches, or taller, are common. They give more light and look very handsome. As a simple rule-of-thumb, allow approximately three-fifths of the height for the base, the other two-fifths for the shade.

The base can be made from almost anything, for instance a plain length of lumber, 4" x 4" thick. Or, you can use an old newel post, the carved leg of a Victorian table, even a piece of driftwood.

Plan to have a little pedestal under the

base. A piece of ordinary board, 1" thick, will do. It can be round, square or any shape that looks well.

If the post for your base is solid, get a carpenter to drill a hole through the entire length of it. At the same time, have him drill through the pedestal and hollow out the under side of it. A dollar is the most he should charge.

Next, get your shade. Simple paper ones are fine and cost least — about a dollar.

Then, take the shade, the base and the pedestal to an electrical shop.

Now, you need the brass pipe, threaded on the outside, to run through the entire lamp, the harp to hold the shade, the socket, the coupling, the electric cord and a few nuts and bolts. You can buy them all for two dollars and the electrician may even put the lamp together for you.

There are as many ways of finishing lamps as there are homes to put them in. You can stain, paint or gild the base. You can carve an interesting design on it or you can wrap it in leather.

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The Men the Commies Hate Most

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Activities Committee and was lambasted for supposed smearing of innocents without benefit of courtroom safeguards.

Ordinary folk have been so intimidated, so terrorized, that they fear to speak up for the committee. Knowing that epithets like "reactionary" and "fascist" will be their reward for candor, they have tended to put discretion above valor. For a professing liberal, even of the anti-commie brand, the acme of moral heroism is to admit publicly that he approves the committee's work. With respect to other Congressional inquiries, people praise accomplishments and criticize excesses, but in this instance there has been a moratorium on rational judgment.

Yet there is no charge leveled at the Un-American Activities Committee that cannot be directed with equal justice against most other legislative probes. The Pujo Committee (remember the midget plunked on J. P. Morgan's lap?) was accused of headline hunting and unfair tactics. So were the Walsh Committee when it exposed the Teapot Dome scandal; the LaFollette Committee, of which the notorious pro-communist John Abt was counsel; the Nye Committee, of which Alger Hiss was counsel; the Truman Committee when it looked into war industry frauds; the Brewster Committee when it had Howard Hughes on the griddle; the recent committee digging into the "5 percenters" racket.

The list could be extended for pages. In every case some witnesses yelled blue murder when their private affairs were publicly aired — an unpleasant business at best. In every case innocent suspects were hauled into the limelight, as is inevitable in any genuine investigation. Invariably there were outcries about "three-ring circuses" at one extreme and "star-chamber proceedings" at the other.

The right of Congress to investigate any area of the nation's life is of the essence

of democratic government. The bitterest critics of the committee concede that much. But it is a right exercised by all too human office-holders who sometimes have political axes to grind, enjoying a latitude denied to counsel in court trials.

The function of a legislative committee, after all, is not judicial but fact-finding; it can neither convict nor punish anyone. Its exemption from the rules of court procedure was not ordained by Congressman Dies but has been established practice from the beginning. An article published in 1924 entitled "Hands Off the Investigations!" declared:

"The power of investigation should be left untrammelled and the methods and forms of each investigation should be left to the determination of Congress and its committees as each situation arises."

It is not without significance that the article appeared in the *New Republic* and was written by a Harvard law professor named Felix Frankfurter. Perhaps the committee system should be overhauled. But whatever its failings, they apply equally to all committees. Except in the propaganda logic of the communists, there is no reason why the Un-American Activities group should be made the whipping-boy for the investigative institution as such.

The personnel of this committee through the years — Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, wise men and fools — has been neither better nor worse than that of other such groups. Every one of its members sat on other committees — but only his role in this one was under relentless assault. To blame the committee because Representative Thomas has been convicted of payroll padding makes about as much sense as blaming the committees in which Representative May, convicted of a worse crime, took part.

Why, then, has the Un-American Activities Committee been singled out for

unlimited excoriation and defiance, as if it alone were guilty of the sins inherent in the investigative process? There are many answers:

1. This committee has dared intrude on the cozy secrecies and anonymities of a powerful, and certainly the loudest, element in American society: the communists and their conscious or deluded allies. It has tangled with a group that has disciplined spokesmen and confused sympathizers deployed throughout the American press, radio, schools and pulpits. It has had to conduct its difficult tasks under a constant hail of brickbats, in a hurricane of name-calling, amidst winds of ridicule.

2. The committee has had to deal with a species of mischief and crime of relatively recent vintage, so that it has been obliged to educate public opinion as it went along. Americans understand familiar corruptions and cheer those who expose them. They are only learning to comprehend the far more serious subversive corruptions of this totalitarian era. They can grasp the implications of a Costello or an Erickson in the witness chair but are baffled when the accused is a high public official, a movie writer or a college professor.

3. The committee has labored under the serious disadvantage of the unbridled hostility of the Administration. Repeatedly its inquiries were discounted in advance by two Presidents as "red herrings." The kind of help normally available to legislative groups from the executive branch, and especially the Department of Justice, has often been barred to this committee. Consequently it has had to operate — always on a modest budget — with its own limited research, investigating and legal staffs.

4. Because it has been wrestling with a vast and many-sided conspiracy, the committee has contended with fanatics and with expert liars. Its witnesses have often been hostile and unscrupulous, trained in prevarication and double-talk, coached by able but disloyal lawyers, backed by the resources of a well-heeled movement at home and a great power abroad. Sneers and insults hurled at the committee by aggressive, defiant conspirators, at times supported by noisy claqueurs at the hearings and pickets on the streets, have become familiar procedure. Committee members through the years have generally shown angelic patience and self-control, but the atmosphere has not always been favorable to calm inquiry.

Considering these piled-up handicaps — probably without precedent in the history of Congress — the committee has done a remarkably effective job. While its career has naturally been marked by errors, false starts and indiscretions, it will stand comparison with any Congressional undertaking of that scope.

The basic common sense of the American people has been manifest in the great and always growing popular support of the committee registered in opinion polls. That support has been mirrored in the politically sensitive House of Representatives, which has backed the effort by



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always larger margins. In 1946, indeed, the House voted to give the committee permanent status in the very Reorganization Act which telescoped its 48 committees into 19.

The most vital contribution of the committee has been in terms of public education. It has built up a body of concrete information on subversion in this period of crisis—and is the only public group that has done so. If you, as an average American, can today discern the Kremlin conspiracy under its heavy layers of camouflage, you owe it largely to the twelve years' labor by Congressmen undaunted by monumental abuse.

The very concept of a false-front organization, a transmission belt, an innocents' club, a fellow-traveler, was unknown to the large public when the committee started its work. Today it is part of the mental equipment of the average American. This means that we are better prepared to identify and combat those disruptive forces which have robbed one nation after another of freedom and independence.

The job of over-all enlightenment is more significant than the smoking out of individual communists, spies and Soviet agents. It is essential to our political maturity. It helps to arm us with knowledge and insight for the cold war that was begun not in recent years but on the day the bolsheviks seized power in Russia, and hastened by our Government's recognition of the bolshevik regime.

But it should be remembered that the array of recent convictions—the eleven communist party chiefs, Alger Hiss, Harry Bridges, Gerhart Eisler, Leon Josephson, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee—would have been impossible without the continuous exposures, and the great amassment of vital data, by this House Committee.

Whatever the higher courts may decide on the constitutionality of the Smith Act under which they were prosecuted, it will not change the *finding of fact* in the case of the eleven top communists. Their so-called party has finally been identified as a branch office of a worldwide plot to overthrow democratic governments, our own included, by force and violence. The months-long trial translated into evidence, under the rigid safeguards of judicial process, testimony painstakingly accumulated by the committee. Many of the key witnesses, in fact, had already told their stories to the committee.

The sensational Hiss trial, ending in his conviction for perjury in denying espionage activity, had its origin in the committee. No ruling on legalisms by the higher courts can cancel out the *finding of fact*. Clear-cut proof of Soviet infiltration of the highest government echelons has dramatized the danger.

The punishment of Hiss is secondary. The sordid affair is primarily valuable as a spur to vigilance. Generally it is only the statute of limitations, let us bear in mind, that has shielded against prosecution men like Nathan Silvermaster, John Abt, Victor Perlo, William Ludwig Ullman and others implicated in the same revelations that pinpointed Hiss. He rep-

resents a prototype in the lower depths of communist skulduggery.

A San Francisco jury's verdict that Harry Bridges is a communist simply confirmed what had been spread on the committee record for years. The indictment of William Remington, of the Commerce Department, for perjury in denying communist affiliations is the direct outgrowth of testimony given to the committee by Elizabeth Bentley. The proceedings which rid our country of the Eisler brothers, Gerhart and Hanns, of J. Peters and other foreign agents had their genesis in committee hearings of Louis Budenz, former editor of the *Daily Worker*.

Miss Bentley and Whittaker Chambers alike, it is useful to recall, had made desperate efforts to interest other government agencies in their fearful secrets before the Un-American Activities Committee took them in hand. Budenz, Paul Crouch, a score of other repentant communists have found in the committee the only effective means of alerting a nation.

The very executive officials who cried "red herring" have been constrained to act. The whole Federal loyalty program for which the Administration claims credit, and which has admittedly cleaned hundreds of subversives out of the government, was forced upon the executive branch by public opinion reacting to the exposures of the Un-American Activities Committee. The Department of Justice, whose officials often sought to disparage and ridicule the committee's work, has used its findings as the basis for an official listing of subversive organizations.

There is no branch of the government, including all its intelligence services, which does not turn confidently to the huge committee files and cross-indices for information. Indeed, it was partly with a view to conserving those files—product of so many years of conscientious probing—that the House of Representatives converted the group into a standing committee. Though his name never figures in the publicity, much of the credit for

the committee's work belongs to Benjamin Mandel, its able research director.

In addition to the transcripts of twelve years of hearings—a gold mine of data on communist and fascist methods and people—the committee has published a series of pamphlets that add up to a library on communism. Meaty, exact, documented, each of these examines some aspect of the Red menace and its techniques. Hundreds of thousands of these pamphlets are in the hands of Americans.

Now let's glance at the record. It is so voluminous that I can only touch on high points almost at random.

The totalitarian liberal press raged hysterically back in 1941, when Dr. J. B. Matthews, for the committee, presented the Department of Justice with a list of 1121 names of alleged pro-communists on the Federal payroll. The rage was echoed by a large portion of the non-communist press and radio.

Nine years later, the majority of those names have been identified as subversive or have admitted the charge by resigning under fire. The list contained most of the names subsequently revealed by Chambers, Bentley, Crouch and others—among them Alger Hiss, Nathan Witt, Harry Dexter White, Silvermaster, to mention just a few.

The most impressive aspect of the record, when we realize that a great conspiracy is involved, is how few mistakes the committee has made in naming names and labeling organizations. Those few, however, have been so magnified by propaganda that they block from view the amazing score of bull's-eye hits.

Organized labor owes a particular debt to the committee. Memory is short. Reading today about the expulsion of communists from certain unions, who remembers the committee was attacked unmercifully when it first alerted us to the red infiltration of unions? It turns out that not one of the unions or labor leaders exposed by the committee from 1938



to the present has been falsely accused.

The committee began its work with an examination of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund; in due time this outfit and others in the brown constellation were thoroughly exposed and neutralized. In the initial ten years, incidentally, fully one-quarter of the committee's time was devoted to probes into nazi, fascist and racist groupings. Findings on German and Japanese agents, alien and native, proved as vital to our war time security as they are sure to prove in relation to the Kremlin's agents should the cold war explode in hot conflict.

The people who bemoan our lost liberties when communists are investigated apparently saw no violation of civil rights, no headline-hunger or vile political motivation, when brands of subversion other than the red conspiracy were on the agenda. They did not protest when witnesses were asked whether they ever belonged to the Bund, the Klan, the Silver Shirts. Somehow they become mightily alarmed for the Bill of Rights when the sacred rights of communists to concealment and camouflage are at stake!

In its first year the committee took testimony from and about Earl Browder, William Weiner, Nicholas Dozenberg, which ultimately led to their conviction for passport frauds. More important, it uncovered the methods of the passport mills. It identified Bookniga, outwardly an ordinary book agency, as a Soviet propaganda front. Two fascist leaders on the west coast, after their activities were exposed, decided to flee the country. The first of the many disclosures of communist entrenchment in the C.I.O. were spread on the record.

The second full year, 1940, saw the dissolution of the Silver Shirts under committee fire, and the German-American Bund was forced to make public its foreign control and nazi aims. Communist fraud in election petitions in many states was so well documented that over 100 indictments followed.

In 1941, the committee unmasked the chief red front of the Stalin-Hitler pact period, the American Peace Mobilization. It also showed up a long series of communist-fomented strikes in munitions industries—in effect sabotage of the Allied war effort under Muscovite instructions. The following year the committee gave the President a list of some 17,000 persons in nazi movements in this country. It issued a 287-page report on the anti-American activities by Japanese in our midst. Investigation of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties showed it to be another commie front.

While pursuing the trails of Japanese and nazi agents, the committee in 1943 unearthed evidence of earlier collaboration between communists and the German-American Bund. The following year it pieced out the story of how 21 important trade unions had been taken into captivity by communist minorities. It was largely on the basis of the committee files that 29 alleged pro-nazi seditionists were indicted; it was no fault of the committee, that their trial ended in futility.

Thereafter, as the committee's own education progressed and its facilities im-

proved, both the tempo and the quality of its inquiries were stepped up. Literally dozens of conferences, leagues, congresses, mobilizations and committees under beguilingly "liberal" titles were unmasked as communist stooge outfits. The committee smoked out communist cells on atomic projects and spotlighted weaknesses in atomic security machinery. It must be credited also with the only effective job yet done in tracing the espionage ramifications of the Soviet satellite legations and the Soviet Embassy itself.

One of the main purposes of any Congressional inquiry, of course, is to provide the factual basis for legislation. The recommendations for tighter laws on es-



pionage recently made by the Justice Department and duly enacted by Congress stemmed largely from the committee's work.

At every turn in this long and wearing effort, the committee was vilified, smeared, mocked, lied about. Though it sought to make clear that it "intends to cast no reflection upon the great majority of American scientists," its probe of individual scientists whose conduct opened them wide to suspicion was misrepresented as an attack on science as such. Ditto for educators.

The nature of the subject matter assigned to the committee naturally has made its hearings highly newsworthy. But the very papers and radio chains which jam the committee room with reporters, microphones, cameras, assail its members as publicity hounds.

As was to be expected in anything involving Hollywood, the probe of red infiltration of the motion picture industry probably marked the peak of sensationalism in the committee's history. One critic who found the spectacle "highly distasteful" declaimed about "ham acting, screaming and shouting, parades of stars, chartered planes of glamor, kleig lights." He merely failed to note that it was not the committee but the communists who

deliberately staged the spectacle, chartered the planes, organized the parades and did the screaming.

Two episodes, ten years apart, may convey the flavor of the organized derogation of the committee. The first was summed up by a communist hack, Adam Lapin, in a pamphlet in 1939; he conferred immortality on Dr. Matthews, then the chief investigator of the committee, asserting that he "will live forever as the man who exposed Shirley Temple as a communist dupe." What were the facts?

To illustrate the "carelessness and indifference" of Americans in lending their names to red propaganda purposes, Dr. Matthews alluded to "greetings" by an array of Americans to a communist newspaper, the *Paris Ce Soir*. The array included, he said, "even Shirley Temple."

The actress was then eleven years old and could not conceivably have known how and why her name had been used. Dr. Matthews was merely showing the depths of communist cynicism in exploiting the fame of an innocent child. But it was of this flimsy stuff that the comrades managed to fashion a falsehood so robust that it is still with us.

Ridicule had another and more hilarious inning when the committee came into possession of hundreds of pages of purloined State Department documents hidden by Whittaker Chambers in a pumpkin on his Maryland farm. Cyclones of laughter swept the country, with the committee as butt of jokes and gags. A gallant cartoon by one Herblock, in the *Washington Post*, showed rats dragging the pumpkin chariot a la Cinderella.

Now that the pumpkin papers have convicted Hiss, it is too obvious that levity could not smother the tragedy of treason in high places. But those who ridiculed the committee have yet to apologize.

The case of Remington had been made the number one exhibit of the committee's "irresponsibility." The normally pink *New Yorker* turned an angry purple as it made fun of the charges against Remington, even as it had made fun of the Hiss prosecution before that. Neither the Grand Jury indictment of Remington nor the conviction of Hiss has moved the *New York* weekly to a decent *mea culpa*.

"There can be no let-up in our vigilance against the activities of this group," Dr. Henry Pratt Fairchild announced on April 29, 1950. "We must be determined that the Un-American Activities Committee shall have no place in our government."

The pity of it is that the press, in reporting this challenge, failed to point out that Dr. Fairchild is a chronic supporter of communist causes and that the organization which he addressed, the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions, is an outstanding red front.

While there are also honest and misguided critics of the committee, the rock-bottom fact is that the slanderous campaign against it is led and fed by communists and fellow-travelers. For Americans at large reason dictates a simple three-point attitude: (1) praise for the committee's useful achievements; (2) blame for its faults and fumbles; (3) continuing encouragement for its general aims.

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gional Research Laboratory. The Monsanto Chemical Company and American Viscose Corporation have formed the Chemstrand Company to produce a synthetic fiber. Other laboratories promise to add still more to the parade.

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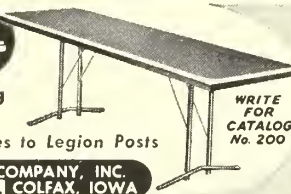
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Chemicals to make fabrics wrinkle-resistant or to control shrinkage aren't new. But they are getting better. One of the latest is Rhonite R-1, a chemical from Rohm and Haas Research Laboratories. It controls shrinkage on many kinds of fabrics and gives rayons marked crease-resistance.

Sheep don't shrink. And now you can buy woolen goods pre-treated to prevent shrinkage despite repeated washings. One process, developed by Milton Harris Research Laboratories, came to the rescue of Army wool socks during the war. This method, Harris, and another new process, Sanforlan, now are being used to control shrinkage in socks, sweaters, sports shirts and other goods.

Scientists have developed new treatments to improve wool's natural qualities or to add new ones. Other research seeks to improve the lustre or sheen and the draping qualities of cottons. For greater coolness, cottons are air-conditioned to remove lint and open up the windows between the criss-crossing fibers. It's done by a chemical process developed by Clarence Brown & Co.

There are some good water repellent treatments already. And much more seems to be coming. At the Texas Research Foundation in Renner, Tex., Drs. Robert J. Speer and Don R. Carmody find that compounds containing the metal titanium make cotton, wool, felt, rayon, nylon and other materials shed water like a duck's back. Their work, still experimental, may lead to suits that keep their shape despite rain, water-repellent nylon stockings and

spot-proof hats. The titanium compounds have stayed on the fabrics despite washings and dry-cleanings. The titanium liquids don't seal up or air-proof the weave of fabrics, so they shouldn't be hot to wear.

You can look to the Army, Navy and Air Force for ideas to help you keep cool in summer or warm in winter — as a civilian.

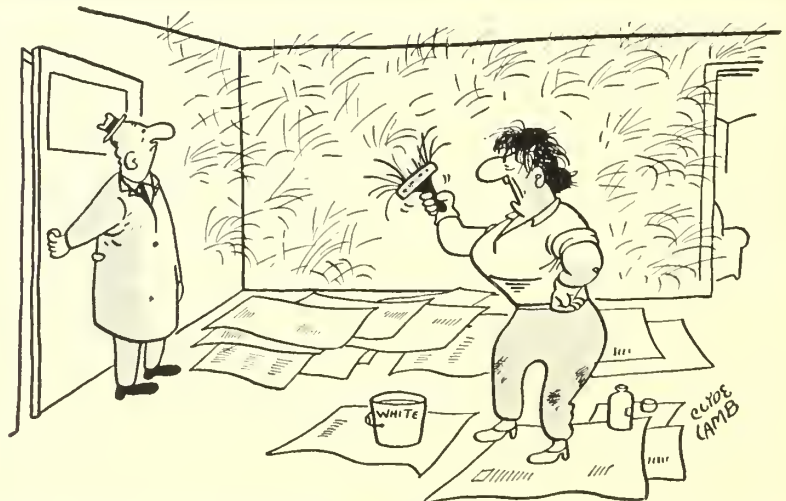
Remember the old red flannel type winter underwear? The military is breaking away from that. The newest thing for Air Force "long johns" are of a loose-fitting pajama type. They assure a softer, less scratchy wool than ever before, doubly treated to halt shrinkage. The old method of tight fitting underwear was partly to make the most economical use of manufacturers' scrap. The new pajama style is built for human comfort. The trousers are held up by the same suspenders that hold up the pants, offering an unbelted free flow of ventilation essential to control sweating from ankles to neck. Dr. Paul Siple, Arctic expert of the Department of Defense, considers this a major step forward.

Also promising, he says, is a new double-faced frieze lining material developed by the Research and Development Branch of the Army Quartermaster Corps for insulating cold weather clothing. It's a lightweight, two-faced mohair pile that looks not unlike Turkish towel, but it's lighter, more porous, and more resilient.

From the Quartermaster Corps has come a new porous rubber coating, called Vaportex, to help you keep cool but dry in rainy weather. It can be put on cotton or other fabrics for raincoats.

A new fungicide makes fabrics resist mildew and rot, even after washings. New soapless soaps clean clothes quickly and make white shirts whiter. A synthetic laundry starch stays in clothes for eight to fifteen washings, giving them longer wear.

And if your clothes budget says "No" to buying something new, well, there's a new fluid advertised to remove the shine from the seat of your pants. THE END



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How well prepared is the American oil industry to meet the nation's emergency needs?

ON EVERY HAND, American oil men have been questioned as to the industry's ability to meet the nation's needs in the light of swiftly moving developments. The facts are reassuring.

The American oil industry is better prepared today than ever before to meet any national emergency. Our domestic capacity to produce and refine petroleum has increased around 25 per cent since the peak demands of World War II—during which the Armed Forces of this nation and its Allies never lacked for oil, and all essential civilian needs were met.

In the months immediately ahead, with minor dislocations to be expected, we should be able to furnish all of the military demands for oil products and supply the civilian needs for gasoline and heating oils.

Based on the assumption that the military need for oil will increase only as greater amounts of equipment and manpower are engaged in using it, there should be no demand in the immediate future that the industry cannot readily supply.

As to the long range view, no one can predict with complete accuracy what the military needs for oil products may be. The extent to which we will be called upon to supply gasoline, jet and other aviation fuels, fuel oil, Navy special fuels, and other military requirements for petroleum, obviously depends on the turn of international events.

Although we cannot know all that is ahead, the record of our industry is reassuring. In the five years since the end of World War II, American oil companies have been rebuilding, improving and expanding their facilities and creating a substantial reserve productive capacity.

Compared to the peak war year of 1945, total U.S. crude oil production capacity has been increased 27%, refining capacity has been increased 21%, and proved

crude oil reserves have been increased 24%.

In these five years American oil companies plowed back into their business more than 8 billion dollars for exploration and development and to provide these new facilities—the great bulk of this from operating profits.

This record and the traditional skill and ingenuity of the American oil industry, give assurance that supplies and facilities will be expanded and adapted with maximum speed and efficiency to meet whatever needs may develop, provided that necessary steel and other essential materials are made available.

America's thousands of oil companies owe their continued progress to the fact that they are privately managed and have competed vigorously for the privilege of serving America better.

The key to the strength of the American oil industry is the driving force of competition. This strength must be preserved if the United States is to remain a power for peace. Even with national planning and restrictions, the nation must continue to rely on private management, and although close and full cooperation with governmental agencies is necessary in times of emergency, nothing should be done that will impair the incentive for competition in normal times.

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Who Buys at Your House?

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what is bought, they have directed their appeals almost exclusively to the ladies.

But times have changed.

Take Foley's, the Houston department store. It now has a restaurant "for men only." A man can get a club lunch there that actually makes him feel as though he has had something to eat. L. S. Ayres of Indianapolis hasn't gone quite as far as this but it has set aside a reserved section for men in its tea room.

Out in Chicago, Marshall Field's has a "Host Lounge" where men can relax in comfort while any item they ask for is brought to them from all over the store. Scruggs-Vandervoort Barney, of St. Louis, has a gift shop just for men. "The Squire Shop" it's called, and Missouri males can find merchandise from 14 different departments collected there.

Bonwit Teller's, the fashionable women's specialty store in New York City, goes further. When the holiday season rolls around, this shop opens its "721 Club," a luxuriously-furnished room where men (only) can get all the drinks they want free while they talk over their gift needs with a score or so debutantes acting as hostesses.

"Make yourself at home," the debts say when you walk into the club. "What'll you have to drink?"

"Bourbon and soda," you say, and practically instantly a white-coated waiter hands you a double bourbon.

"Now, what can we do for you?" the debts ask.

You tell them that you're thinking of a dressing gown for your wife, for maybe \$15. And perhaps a pair of gloves, too, for \$3 or \$4.

That's all you have to do.

In no time at all, a stunning model is parading before you in \$15 dressing gowns, and the debts have rounded up a dozen pairs of gloves for you to look over. The ubiquitous waiter, meanwhile, has poured

you another nourishing double bourbon.

In California, the Los Angeles Furniture Co. is giving a smoker — and what a smoker! — for its men customers twice a year. H. Liebes & Co., of San Francisco, is putting on fashion shows just for men. The Howland Dry Goods Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., is doing the same thing. And so is Frost Brothers of San Antonio, Tex.

But the drive to attract male patronage is not confined to department stores. The great mail order houses are taking part in it. Their catalogues are now stressing technical facts and other "man talk." Door-to-door canvassers are giving more thought to men, too. One big vacuum cleaner concern has instructed its salesmen to do their door bell-ringing at night and to aim their doorway sales pitch at the "man of the house."

Even the nation's grocery stores are falling in line. The huge Grand Union Co., for example, is going out of its way to attract men customers.

"Men Like to Shop the Grand Union Way" reads the headline on one of its recent New York City advertisements. The ad ran three pictures designed to lure men shoppers into its stores.

A midwestern supermarket has done something still more radical.

In an effort to win male patrons, it has assigned a cashier exclusively to men customers. No longer do the men grocery-shoppers have to buck the ordinary cashier's line. They just head for the sign marked, "For Men Only."

The big advertising agencies are enrolling in the drive to capture male hearts, too.

Look at much of the automobile advertising today. You'll see a lot more emphasis now on the factors that influence men — power, riding performance, economy.

Look at the television advertising. You'll see technical facets accented — the rectangular tube, the round tube, the

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By Ponce de Leon



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black tube, the 16-inch screen—things that mean little to women but lots to men.

One of the most significant illustrations of this move can be seen in the advertising of the vast Sloane-Blabon Corp.

In the past, most linoleum manufacturers have plugged their products' usefulness for kitchens, nurseries, bathrooms. Sloane-Blabon, however, has been running nation-wide ads stressing the value of their floor coverings for men's dens, for men's hobby rooms, for men's game rooms.

It all adds up to what Fabian Schupper, the Feature Editor of *Retailing Daily*, recently said:



"More and more, manufacturers and retailers are awakening to the fact that men account for a large part of their sales and exert an enormous influence on the remainder.

"They are, therefore, doing everything in their power to win men as customers."

What has led to this belated recognition of male purchasing potency?

It stems from several recent studies of national buying habits. Once and for all these studies demolished the myth that women alone have control of the American pocketbook.

The most important of the studies was made by the University of Illinois. It covered families of every size, income level and occupation in all parts of the country.

What was learned made headlines.

The "browbeaten" American husband, it was ascertained, personally selects and pays for close to \$40,000,000,000 worth of merchandise a year.

But that's not all he does. He also is responsible for another \$13,829,000,000 in joint purchases with his wife.

And, in addition, he exerts a powerful influence on the money his wife spends. It is true that she buys more than he does, about \$69,000,000,000 worth in all, but the Illinois study showed that the

American husband has far more to say about what his wife buys than he has been given credit for.

What about the claim that women buy 80 percent and more of the goods consumed by their families today?

It's hokum! The man who headed the Illinois survey, Prof. Paul D. Converse, ran that one down.

"Who made the survey that found women do 80 percent of the buying today?" he asked the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

"So far as we know, no such survey has been made, the N.R.D.G.A. declared.

Startled, Prof. Converse went directly to the big woman's magazine which most often quotes that 80 percent figure.

"We got it from *The New York Times*," they told him. "It came out of a chart the *Times* ran."

Converse pored through back issues of the *Times* until he found the chart. It bore a caption stating that it had been prepared by the Institute of Life Insurance.

"Where did you get the 80 percent figure?" Converse inquired of the Institute of Life Insurance.

The Institute said it had obtained it from the very woman's magazine that Converse had contacted in the first place!

Back to the woman's magazine he went. Further investigation there developed that it had originally taken the 80 percent figure from a book published in 1934. The author of that book got the figure at a conference held at the University of Chicago in 1927. No one knew how it happened to be dreamed up then.

"Apparently," says Converse, "such estimates are like family heirlooms, handed down from generation to generation."

In his study, Converse actually found out who buys what, and how much. He discovered, for instance, that it is the men of America who buy the country's automobiles.

Of every 100 families with automobiles, 68 are bought by husbands, 24 are bought by husbands and wives shopping together, and only six are purchased by wives.

The hundredth?

It is purchased by one of the children.

An Illinois interviewer had a vivid demonstration that it's the men who buy most of the automobiles.

"Who handles the purse strings in your family?" he asked a woman.

"I do," she assured him. "My husband never buys a thing without consulting me."

Just as the lady was talking, however, the husband drove up to the house in a brand new automobile.

"Come outside and look at the car I bought," he said when he came in.

"But, darling," his wife wailed, "you never even told me that you were considering a new car."

"Why should I?" the husband said.

The Illinois researchers discovered that men buy 79 percent of the gasoline and oil, 74 percent of the house fuel, 65 percent of the hardware.

"Well, I'll tell you, bub," a midwestern farmer reported, "my wife's a pretty smart woman and she knows enough to let me pick out the gas, the oil and the tools we need."

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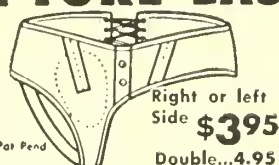
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"What if she didn't?" he was asked.

"I'd still pick 'em out myself," he said.

In the home-furnishings field, the men pack a lot of weight, too, it was learned. Sixty-eight percent of all furniture is bought by them alone or in the company of their wives.

The men folk, it was found, alone or jointly with their wives account for 39 percent of all rug purchases, 58 percent of all electric appliance sales.

And that's not hay.

All the comic cartoons to the contrary, it was established by the Converse study that the husbands of America actually do buy their own clothes.

Seventy-four out of every 100 husbands purchase their own suits and overcoats—and purchase them by themselves.

The proportions are almost as great with neckties, shirts and other men's furnishings.

The most astonishing discovery made by the Converse study concerned women's clothing.

It seems that some men buy all the clothes their wives wear!

"My wife is too busy with the kids to go shopping," one man declared, "so I have to buy her dresses and coats for her."

A New Jersey woman, the wife of a steel company executive, made no bones about the fact that her husband selects her dresses and hats.

"He has much better taste than I have," she said, "so I'm delighted to have him do my shopping."

And she added, "Besides, there's nothing for him to gripe about when he picks out my hats."

Many, many men, it was also learned, go dress shopping with their wives. The wives insist on it.

The reason for this, it was said, is that they're able to buy more and better items when their husbands are along.

What usually happens here, it was explained, is that the ladies hike the men from store to store, all over town, until the footsore hubbies beg them to buy something—anything—just to get the ordeal over.

Furthermore, the husbands get a chance to see for themselves how expensive are good dresses today. They watch their wives try on the \$12.95 model and see that they don't look well in it.

"You'd better take the \$17.95 one, honey," they say.

It's noteworthy, in this connection, that smart stores like Saks' Fifth Avenue, in New York, are urging women customers to bring their husbands along with them. A shrewd store in California has even installed big, leather club chairs in its women's dress department.

One other thing uncovered by the University of Illinois study was that men buy a raft of groceries. Like all of the Converse findings, this was confirmed by a wide number of other surveys.

Close to 30 percent of grocery store shoppers, it was found, are men, and in the case of supermarkets, this figure soars as high as 38 percent.

This is a somewhat new development, so I asked the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. what lies behind it.

The A. & P.'s official explanation is:

"In most new suburban developments, the husband has to take the family car to and from the station every day. Since most of these developments are located rather far from shipping centers, it becomes natural for the husband to pick up the groceries on his way home from work. Then, too, families are now concentrating their heaviest shopping in the latter part of the week with fewer daily trips to the store. This means big bundles of foodstuffs and calls again for the family car and hubby's strong arms."

It certainly sounds logical.

The most important finding by the University of Illinois—and by every other

WALLY



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study in this field—was not, however, that men buy so much themselves. It didn't even touch on male purchases. Instead, it concerned women's buying habits.

The ladies of America, it was incontrovertibly established, are really influenced by their husbands' likes and dislikes in what they buy.

If you don't believe this, look at the results of a survey made of 442 housewives in Onondaga County, N. Y.

"When you plan the family meals, whose tastes, likes and dislikes are usually most important or given most consideration?" the women were asked.

"My husband's," 77 percent of them replied.

And the ladies said that this applies to practically everything else they do or buy.

What will the outcome of all this be? It looks good for the men.

Now that it has finally been accepted that men are a factor in the nation's economy, it is certain that moves to court them will continue—and increase.

Now all you have to do is convince your wife that you're a big shot, too.

THE END

Horatio Alger Hero, 1950 Style

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guide, one that has merged into his business personality. Embossed in a plaque, this quotation hangs on his office wall. It reads: "There is an honor in business that is the fine gold of it; that reckons with every man justly; that loves light; that regards kindness and fairness more highly than goods or prices or profits." Horatio Alger's heroes always lived by mottos and creeds, and Beveridge doesn't let the old master down.

With his early selling days behind him, plus the superb experience at Fuller and at Real Silk, Frank Beveridge decided to strike out for himself. This also took hero courage. The year, 1931, was one of the worst America had known. After several golden and exciting years of prosperity the bottom had dropped out of everything. But only two years after the chaos in Wall Street, with the great financial houses reduced to rubble and the outlook grim, Frank Beveridge took the plunge.

Taking only his private secretary, Miss Catherine O'Brien, with him, he went to Westfield, Massachusetts, bought an old tobacco barn, and went into business.

He didn't select Westfield merely because it was a pleasant little town. During his sales wanderings for Fuller and later for Real Silk, he discovered that there were two small brush factories in Westfield that could manufacture components that were necessary in the line of merchandise he planned to put out. Also the labor situation was very good in that community. Before long he was in production with various household products.

It was his willingness to roll up his sleeves and pitch in that earned Beveridge the respect of his people and brought in \$72,000 that first year. Each year saw the growth of business, saw the dream expand until the man tapping on doors with a suitcase of Stanley products in his hand, became a network of 7 regions, 23 areas,

221 branches and 9 districts with ultra-modern distributing stations all over the country; a sprawling giant of a factory at Easthampton, several distributing buildings and a modern executive office building at Westfield.

During that first year all sales were made house-to-house by Stanley salesmen or dealers. Items were gradually added to the original list of brushes and soaps, with the stress always being placed on quality. Then about 1937, an amazing thing happened to Stanley. In that year the Cooperative Plan of selling was developed. It may have been used before, but never with such immediate success. Instead of calling door-to-door, making individual demonstrations, one of the Stanley people (they've never been able to find out who thought up the plan) got a group of women together, made a group demonstration to them of Stanley products, and shared a part of the profits of the sale with the organization to which the women belonged. The idea took immediately, and Frank Beveridge instructed his dealers and managers to concentrate on its development.

The evidence is plain: in 1941 (the year after the plan started), net sales were \$2,464,177; by 1946 they were \$14,619,195, and last year, \$35,000,000.

From the Cooperative Plan came the Hostess Plan, which was not new, but also simple and effective. The hostess would hold a Stanley Party in her home, inviting neighbors, women she knew might be interested. The hostess received a nice amount of Stanley merchandise for holding the "party."

Stanley is reticent about divulging party receipts, but indications are that a reasonably good party will bring \$50 or more in sales, which assures the hostess a selection of party dividends of silverware, or some other items.

Early in the company's history, men and



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women of ability began to gravitate toward Stanley. The Cooperative and Hostess Plans alone attracted hundreds of natural salesmen. These became the backbone of Stanley. People in the field, dealer associates, are Stanley's ace in the hole. Dealers, if they are good, can work into unit managers at about \$10,000 a year, and then on to branch managers, who can net up to \$20,000 per annum. Even a so-called ordinary dealer can rake in \$6000 a year just working part-time. One of the things that keeps the dealers and the field people interested is the constant source of income. It seems that once a person buys a Stanley product, he never switches.

Every year since 1931, sales have increased. During the war when most household business went into the red, Stanley moved steadily ahead. They made hundreds of thousands of excellent gun-cleaning brushes, and kept busily improving their entire civilian line.

Stanley's group plan proves that high-pressure selling doesn't pay. You can't high pressure a group. People buy because the products are displayed in a competent way by pleasant people who know their jobs.

In direct return for his associates' help in making his business the largest of its kind in the world, Frank Beveridge has tried to turn his factories into models of their kind. He has tried to make his people realize that American enterprise and the American way of life is the only way. He constantly preaches that what has happened to him can happen to anyone, always liberally sprinkling his speeches with Alger-like credos.

However, he does a lot more than just preach about the American way of life. Throughout that part of Massachusetts are many testimonials to his civic-mindedness. His alma mater, the Mount Hermon School, has benefited from Frank Beveridge's generosity. In May of this year he gave the Easthampton Legion Post a home worth \$50,000. In June a Carillon Tower which cost him \$100,000 was dedicated at Stanley Park in Westfield. The list of his philanthropies could be extended indefinitely.

Still, it is his associates in the Stanley Home Products Co., that benefit most from his success. In 1949 he gave wage dividends of well over \$150,000. In addition he distributed \$135 to each of his factory people in Christmas bonuses.

Beveridge also gives a 5 percent quarterly bonus which is paid at the conclusion of each three-month period to all employees except executives, and is actually computed at 5 percent of each employee's regular wage earned during that period.

There is a profit-sharing plan which occurs twice a year when the Board of Directors get together and consider whether profits have been large enough to rate paying a dividend on stock. At this time they usually take into consideration the matter of paying employees an additional dividend based on profits on the wages earned by the workers. This means, in reality, that everyone at Stanley is actually a stockholder.

The word employee is anathema around
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4. This contest being nationwide, there are likely to be ties. If there are ties, then before any prizes are awarded for lower scores in a Group there will be reserved as many prizes as there are tied contestants in that Group. To break the ties a set of 5 tie-breaking puzzles will be sent to each tied contestant. The Judges will first judge the solutions submitted on Puzzle No. 1 of such set. If the ties are not thereby all broken, the Judges will judge the solutions of Puzzle No. 2 of the remaining tied contestants and so on to Puzzle No. 5, if necessary. If the ties are not all broken by the first set of tie-breaking puzzles, a second, third and, if necessary, a fourth set of 5 tie-breaking puzzles each, may be used. Each contestant will be required to have his solutions to the tie-breaking puzzles postmarked within a limited time to be established by the Committee on Awards, which shall be not less than 14 days nor more than 18 days from the date of mailing, in the case of the first set of tie-breaking puzzles, and not less than 5 days nor more than 7 days for each additional set of tie-breaking puzzles required.

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A hyphenated word that fits may be used but each hyphen must occupy a square and such square will be without value. Two words may be used in any line of squares but the two words must be separated by a blank square which will be without value, and each word must separately comply with this rule.

8. All entries must be sent by mail to: AMERICAN WAR ORPHANS CONTEST, Washington 13, D. C., and must be postmarked before midnight, November 30, 1950, and received before 5 p.m., December 15, 1950, to be eligible for consideration. However, sixty extra days are allowed for mailing and receiving of substitute solutions and of additional contributions to qualify for or transfer to another Group or Groups. War Orphans Scholarships, Inc. will not be responsible for lost or delayed communications or for clerical or mechanical errors. By sending in the entry each contestant agrees to be bound by the Official Rules and Instructions and, in any event, by the decision of the Committee on Awards on any and all matters affecting the contest.

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Stanley. Since the early days Beveridge, remembering that the power of his company was built upon personal relations with his people, has always referred to anyone working for him, or with him, as an "associate," never as an employee.

Disputes, complaints, job wrangles, and suggestions to Beveridge and the Board of Directors are handled by an organized group of "associates" called The Stanley Council and made up of one representative from each department. They meet each week (on company time) for as long as is necessary to consider the complaints, grievances, or matters of any sort which may be brought to them.

The Council discusses each situation, and makes considered recommendations as to what should be done. Through this group any "associate" can bring his gripe, whether it be about the guy who slurps soup in his ear at the cafeteria, or a serious discussion of a new method of working cellulose sponge into the long-wearing Stanley wet mops.

Never is any pressure brought to bear on the Council. It is run entirely by the workers of Stanley, and they handle matters according to their own carefully thought out by-laws.

No doubt remembering all the chats he had with A. C. Fuller, and believing that every man likes the opportunity to sound off, Beveridge established what are now known as "Understanding Luncheons." Once a month Beveridge and his gang get together for a good meal and an informal chat. Over the luncheon table, foremen, office heads, department leaders and general executives can get a few things off their chests. They have the privilege of getting up, pounding the table and making any criticisms they wish.

Beveridge is the living prototype of the poor-boy-who-made-a-million character that Alger dreamed up. He constantly seems to remember how he got his start, and every move he makes is a direct reflection of the amazing personality that built up a multi-million dollar business out of simple things like soaps and brushes, during one of the greatest depressions this country ever had.

Besides the benefits which other organizations have, such as Social Security, Compensation Insurance, Vacation with pay, Group Insurance, Beveridge has established a somewhat unusual Retirement Plan.

Every year the company sets aside 7 per cent of its net profits before taxes have been scalped off, and places it in trust for the benefit of the workers of Stanley who have been with the company more than three years. The amounts are paid yearly to the trustee of the plan. The Hartford Connecticut Trust Company places these funds in the safest of investments. Of course, if there is a year that Stanley shows no profit, then there is no contribution.

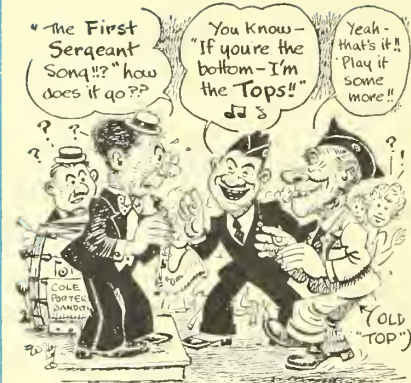
The associate's share is computed on a point basis. They allow one point for each year of continual service, and one point for each \$100 of annual compensation. In this way, each associate's point value is determined every year, and the total number of points obtained is divided into

the company's contribution for that year. A dollar value per point is thus determined, and this value multiplied by the individual worker's number of points is set aside for that person in that year.

The retirement age is sixty-five for men and sixty for women. And it is the privilege of every person working at Stanley to ask the Personnel Office how much they have set aside for them in trust on the Retirement Plan.

The wisdom of Beveridge shines through much of Stanley's operational framework. For example, workers are readily informed that the Retirement Plan is actu-

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ally a savings plan over and above actual wages, and that it is entirely dependent upon profits, and that every associate makes profits possible. Consequently, the efforts of every person at Stanley are reflected in the plan each year. "Profits," says Beveridge, "are dependent upon good work." Thus every worker is an important cog in the machinery that makes Stanley whirl. And they all realize it and show a deep appreciation that they are really part and parcel of a great organization.

Sophisticated callers at the Stanley office in Westfield get quite a bang out of some of the mottos and credos that adorn the walls. Take this one: "It is not the Bricks or the Mortar or the Walls that surround the plant. . . . It is not the desk or the file or the machine. . . . It is the people who live within these walls that constitute the Heart and Soul of a corporation."

And this one: "What you can do, or even dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Only engage, and then the mind grows heated; begin and then the work will be completed."

Still another sample is this: "He who only plans is a dreamer; he who only works is a drudge; but he who plans and works his plans is a conqueror."

But if anyone is inclined to scoff at such mottos, don't forget how they have served Frank Stanley Beveridge, a man who was—as Alger would put it—bound to rise.

THE END

The Private War of Corporal Partch

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went, but not one with a rope attached. And, if you are dealing in fantasy, even cartoons-by-correspondence schools point out that you at least should have an alligator in the water. Well, it would speed up that line.

Camp Roberts made me grow muscles in self-defense. I became a new man, who wouldn't have spoken to the old Partch, and vice-versa. They taught us trades; to do push-ups by the hour, to climb endless ropes (attached to nothing) with full pack, and to run dogtrot by the week.

On the obstacle course there was a monument—to an idiot! The man who first built the eight-foot board wall for no purpose but to clamber up and over it. I could push-up, rope climb, and trot like a dog, but never—as long as I sacked at Camp Roberts—did I master the trick of throwing all of me at one time over that eight-foot billboard.

With the aid of long fingernails I did make it once, but the next day they nailed the two top boards back on again.

The Army doesn't flunk a man. If the war hadn't ended I'd still be out under the watchful eye of some lantern-jawed sergeant practicing to be a battering ram.

I should have gone over the hill when I heard the camp commander state his opinion or motto: "Any trainee who isn't putting in sixteen hours of work a day is shirking his duty." It was common knowledge that this commander came ashore from a Nazi U-boat in the early part of the war, but I never could prove it.

No, I'm not bitter. I didn't hate any of them. There were some splendid officers, but the only ones I ever saw were nurses.

I'd like to point out here and now that I don't suffer delusions of persecution. But I do know when I'm deliberately being worked to death. A mild hangover would have accomplished their aim, so I didn't dare drink during the 16 weeks. It seemed unnecessary. Coming off the ob-

stacle course or a 500-mile hike, I still was wringing pure martinis out of my fatigues—left in the pores from civilian life.

At the conclusion of the 16th week I couldn't wring anything out of my fatigues, and so I was graduated and on to a new life. Imagine my delight at discovering that my future career was going through the whole damned thing again. I became an instructor. The masterminds in classification using their infallible judgment made me a specialist in the art of dirty fighting.

If you think I am only a beeper, let me assure you that I found evidence of right thinking in the Army. You take a bunch of growing boys and isolate them, posting civilization as off-limits and listen to them gripe, and you'll learn what is important in life, namely: women... whisky... chow... sacktime... death to the brass... sack time... whisky... chow... women...

But did classification put me in charge of any one of these worthy projects? I spent the next few months dodging trainees with sharp instruments. I became so expert at this swell job that the company commander awarded me a PFC stripe. The terrific increase in responsibility obviously was deserved, but now they were coming at me in pairs. Swiveling one eye independent of the other was too much for my poor old brain—I developed a four-bell pain in the head.

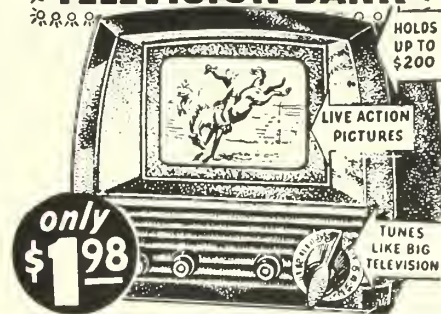
At the infirmary a medic gave me a handful of phenobarbital tablets to get rid of me. In a couple of hours I came back and told him I was still flipping my wig. The guy was a little wild-eyed when he told me that if I'd taken all the pills he had already given me I'd likely be strumming a GI harp soon. I would have told him that all he'd given me was baby aspirin but I was too busy clawing up the paint-work. The medic was offended at having his office defaced and had two



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strong attendants rush me up to the local observation ward as a possible suicide.

The doctor in charge of the observation ward, for my dough, needed more observing than any of my cellmates. He had no interest whatsoever in the fact that I might have been trying to bump myself off (which never had entered my aching head) but was mainly concerned with my ears. He wanted to know why there were so many wrinkles in them. While I tried to think up some reasons why there might be, he wanted to know why I spoke so slowly.

Half way through my explanation of this, he wanted to know if my mother and father had wrinkled ears. In the middle of my explanation of this he'd ask if my mother and father spoke as slowly as I did. Then about the time I'd started remembering whether or not my mother and father spoke slowly, he'd leave me standing there, speaking slowly, with my wrinkled ears. It made me contemplate committing suicide.

In a matter of three or four weeks (actually four) my headaches disappeared. This was the logical time for the Army to try to cure my headaches. I was cast adrift in the complex machinery of an Army hospital — without anything on but my dog tags. I ended up in a room with an ice-cold medical major and a fancy dictaphone. The doctor studied me suspiciously for some time before asking me for name, rank and serial number. I rattled off the correct answer. He wanted to know why I spoke so slowly. Knowing what was coming next, I tried to turn my

dog tags up over my ears. He looked at me quizzically when I told him my mother and father had wrinkled ears, too. I found myself back in the old observation ward.

Next time I had better luck. This time it was a colonel with an even fancier dictaphone. My having rehearsed name, rank and serial number day and night seemed to pay off, and there was no question of mother and father. The colonel switched on his dictaphone. "Virgil Parch 39728931, a PFC, he says." He turned and waited for me to admit that I lied. I didn't flinch. Seeing that I had him stymied, he asked what I thought my trouble was. "Sir, headaches, Colonel Sir." Switch on. "Claims he has headaches." There was a long silence while we dueled with eyeballs. "How long have you had these alleged headaches?" he asked. I told him four weeks but that I didn't have them any more, sir. The colonel reddened. "I'll ask the questions, soldier! If I say you have headaches, you *will* have headaches. Is that clear, soldier?" "Yes, sir." The colonel smoothed the feathers on his eagles. "How long have you had these headaches?" "Four weeks, sir," I squeaked, feeling a skull buster coming over me as ordered. Switch on. "Says he had had these headaches for five weeks." Pause. "Did your mother and father have these headaches?" "No, sir." Into the dictaphone, "Professes to have a mother and father."

The colonel snapped on his stethoscope, drew a pearlhandled ear flash from his holster, flipped his reflector disk down

over one eye and charged me. Then, brother, began one of the most complete physical exams I've had either before or since. Made my induction check-over seem like when I played doctor with girls in kindergarten. Starting at the top of my head he worked down, took over an hour to do, I might add, what with telling his dictaphone just what he thought of my old body.

Nothing was wrong. Nothing physically, that is, but I didn't come up to snuff on things soldierly. My hair was for fiddle-players. Beard like a railroad bum. Irregularly cut fingernails which had traces of paint under them. Chest much lower than the illustrations in the manual. Shoulders hunched. The exam ground slowly on down my frame. He eventually came to my feet. His jaw dropped. I stooped, picked it up for him, and braced myself waiting for what might come. "My aching back, soldier! Those are the biggest, flattest, most gnarled, ugly dogs I've ever seen in all my thirty-six years of looking at feet. Don't they kill you?"

Now I don't claim to have feet like Betty Grable, but by George they've been faithful, never-complaining companions of mine for many years. Male pride fought with Army discipline. A new inner voice took over my brain. "This, buddy, is too good to pass up. To hell with your pride. Tell the old buzzard."

I did. "Sir, you are looking down at two of the most ruthless killers that were ever called feet, sir. Why, sometimes, sir, when I'm on a long march, I wake up screaming. I've learned to march on my

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chap be transferred to the Fort Ord regional hospital for further treatment."

Fort Ord is a wonderful post overlooking California's beautiful Monterey Bay. I had a swell view of it through my barred window. My private room was swell. The bed was screwed to the floor. Matter of fact, nothing in the room was loose. The solid door which was always kept locked had a fine little peep window in it, but there was hardly ever a time when I could see much more through it than a pair of eyeballs. Made me rather nervous. I decided in a matter of a very few days that it might be best if I tried talking my way out to somewhat gayer surroundings.

But, as fate would have it, my papers took three and a half weeks to arrive from Camp Roberts, some 100 miles to the south. In the Army no one dares fiddle with a guy's health without papers. Eventually they arrived and I got to see someone other than the ward boy who brought my food. A captain who turned out to be the doctor in charge of my ward gingerly invited me into his office. The ward boy remained standing at the ready behind my chair. There was a great long silence.

I became uneasy. I became positively unnerved when the doctor's upper lip fell to quivering like a burlesque gal. Tears flooded his eyes. He put his wet face in trembling hands and unfolded a story too pitiful to tell completely. The highpoints covered his being drafted in the early part of '41 just as his wife was due to have her seventh. His practice, barely paying, had been ruined, naturally. His wife had become seriously ill while he was off in some hell-hole in Texas—no emergency furlough—and had lost the car, their new home, meagre savings. All seven kids caught mumps.

His C.O. was wont to lash men, especially him, in drunken madness. For six months his lips had not had opportunity to touch liquor. Then, his wife had run off with a sailor. When he'd requested a one hour pass to go into town to get just one shot of brandy they sent him overseas where he caught malaria. When he did eventually get to drink a martini the gin was made out of wood alcohol. On and on. Brother, his troubles snapped my heart strings. I eventually fell to sobbing softly. It was then that the doctor suddenly sat up, lit a cigaret and asked in a bored voice what my trouble was. His sudden change of emotion left me with only enough voice to croak "I . . . I got lousy feet." He allowed as how most soldiers did.

I removed my shoes and exhibited my possessions. It was the doctor's turn to croak. "Gad! Horrible. But . . . but what are you doing in a neuro-psychiatric ward?" I said it sure beat heck out of me how come I'd ended up in his ward. The captain looked at me with distrust. He quickly read through my papers. "By gad, the guy's right. There isn't a damned thing wrong with his head . . . I wasted all that act on a guy with bum feet. Gets so you can't trust anybody." He glanced up. "I'm not married."

Two weeks later the medical machinery disgorged me, but not without my having the awful fear that I might be compelled to dodge guys coming at me with sharp instruments, with me breathing through an ether mask. The hospital gave me a fine paper which said something about my being a wonderful physical specimen but only from the ankles up. I didn't keep it long. Two lieutenants and a sergeant took it away from me in a stuffy little room with a desk and three chairs which were quite occupied.

The three went over my paper in silence. No one looked up. There were more papers which seemed to have something to do with my case. Eventually one of the Lieutenants spoke, "A dirty-fighting expert." The other two agreed. They began discussing the weighty problem of what to do with a dirty fighter who didn't have feet. The talk went on for several minutes before the sergeant suddenly shouted, "I got it! The camp newspaper wants a guy for business manager!" Both lieutenants jumped to their feet and began shaking the sergeant's hand, slapping him on the back and advising him to go to officers training school. I kept my mouth shut like a good soldier.

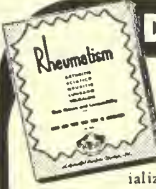
So next day I reported to *The Panorama*, official Fort Ord weekly. The fine staff of ex-newsmen took me over immediately. I explained that I was by profession a cartoonist and, alas, no business manager whatsoever. They all laughed, passed around a coke bottle with something strong in it, and explained that when they put in a request for a new man they never asked for what they really needed. Their batting average on getting what they needed was much higher with this method. Seems that their cartoonist had been mysteriously whisked off to the hospital only last week, and by golly the job was mine.

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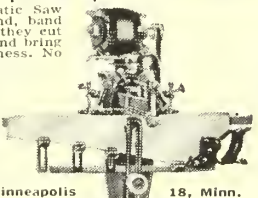
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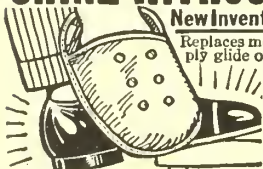
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threw a paper at me. "Summons in a plevin against Jake Hard," he grunted. "Look it over for your interest, Tolbert. Then serve it, for mine."

I thought of his words again a half hour later, when I left the office with the summons in my pocket. *The bitter kernel of fact.* The fact was that the Judge had become an embittered and tired old man, no longer capable of thinking straight about anything.

I started absent-mindedly upstreet, toward Jake Hard's. With the West still holding a cocked gun, keeping civilization at bay, laws weren't worth a damn without officers of nerve and a certain governed recklessness to force their obedience. The Judge's nose had been buried too long in the dusty tomes of his legal gods. It had never been close enough to gun smoke to catch the sharp, practical stink of it.

As if in spoken answer to my thought, sounds that resembled a series of muffled shots brought me startledly to a halt. At the same instant, across the street, I saw my brother Eddie appear suddenly in the doorway of Everson's mercantile. He looked around, then started decisively toward the motionless bat-wings of Randy McCollum's Blue Chip Saloon, next door. I had a sudden sinking sensation, crossing over and following him into the barroom. But once inside I relaxed, for all it seemed to be was the three Texas trail drivers whooping things up a bit. Two were pretty well roostered, but the third—a raw-boned hombre with tar-black hair and a mean twist to his sullenly dropped mouth—looked sober, and seemed just hell-bent to show off.

The black-haired man nodded to one of his companions. "All right, Shorty," he said. "Set up a couple more of 'em, and we'll show these damned blue-bellies how a Texican fans a smoke-pole."

Bartender and bar customers, I realized suddenly, had all backed prudently out of range, and now my glance shuttled to the bow-legged little puncher in home-tanned armitas who was weaving toward the bar.

My brother's voice ran at him levelly. "Don't touch those bottles, partner." He said to the black-haired man: "You. Take your target practice outside the town limits. Either that, or check your gun at the marshal's office. Town ordinance."

The man turned slowly, building a deliberate arrogance into the movement. Looking into his eyes, I felt a shiver run up my back. They were a pale, flannel-gray color and had a look of slack inertness, as if hinged to the lids by weight-pulled threads. A spray of spittle burst from the man's mouth.

"Bedammed to your damnyankee ordinance, Mister!"

"Damn it all you like, partner," Eddie said quietly, "but just lay your gun on that table behind you. You want to open any more bottles, use a corkscrew."

The man's bleak eyes stroked over Eddie, cold and tinselly. "I got a power of a thirst, Mister. A corkscrew'd be too slow."

I didn't feel the shiver any more, just a steady icy ache at the back of my eyes.

My brother's voice was a voice I had never heard before—it had both a cool reasonableness and a deadly intention.

"I don't want to kill a fool," he told the man, "but I will if I have to."

The Texan's eyes were flat and hard, against Eddie's. His tone had a contradictory ugly softness. "You back up out of here now, Mister," he said, "and do it quick."

I didn't follow it. It was too sudden. Eddie took a step, and there was the hard, knocking sound of two shots. My eyes were no good, but my ears caught every separate sound: the scuff of metal against holster leather, the harsh, room-trapped detonations, the thudding *whump* of a body falling heavily, loosely. But not Eddie's. Thank God, not Eddie's.

The loops of smoke were a dozen feet apart, curling lazily toward the ceiling. The stink of powder turned my stomach and made me want to vomit. Somehow I was standing behind Eddie, and there was a crowd jamming up behind us. A man in back of me said something, and then Eddie said, "He's dead."

We sat grouped around the desk in Tom Lockman's office; Eddie, the marshal, Ellie Lockman and myself. This was a couple of hours later, and the news was all over town now. Ellie had hurried over as soon as she'd heard and she couldn't seem to believe it. She acted as though she needed to touch Eddie.

I wondered if the Judge had heard about it yet. I quickly found out.

Eddie's eyes, quiet and serious, were on Ellie, and reading the unspoken question in them she gave him a tight, brittle look.

"The Judge knows," Ellie said.

Eddie looked away. "Reckon he was bound to, sooner or later."

Tom Lockman's long, deep-seamed face fell into a weighted tiredness. "And there goes the fat in the fire," he sighed.

"No, it doesn't!" Ellie was only pan size, but she had the Judge's stubborn mouth, modified by the gentle, gray-blue eyes that came to her from Tom Lockman's side of the house. She was wearing a dress of starched blue calico, fetchingly trimmed with white rick-rack braid, and she looked right pert in it.

"I'm leaving the Judge," Ellie said, and looked straight at Eddie.

"Uh-uhn," Tom Lockman said, and there was a sudden disturbance in his mild haze-blue eyes as he swung his glance to me. "Little legal complication there, ain't there, Counsellor?"

I nodded. "For another month, Tom."

"I don't care!" Ellie snapped. "I'm not going back to him." Her voice caught on a sob. "We—we had a terrible quarrel over—over Eddie's fight with that Texan. Jaw, jaw, jaw,—that's all he can do."

Tom Lockman stood up from the desk and came around to her, his warped, stubby fingered hands dropping gently on her quivering shoulders. "Now you listen

to Gramp," he ordered. "Andy's all twisted up inside like an old sour apple. We all got to help him."

"I hate him!" Ellie cried fiercely, and burst into tears.

"Weigh, deliberate," I muttered under my breath after Tom had got her gentled and she had reluctantly left, finally. Remembrance of the Judge's favorite maxim had a sound of bitter irony for me now, as I thought back to that tight-locked moment that had preceded the battle at the Blue Chip. When an itchy-fingered draw fighter tells you: *You back up out of here, now, Mister, and do it quick*, any deliberating you do is a mere nervous impulse shot from your brain to the tips of your fingers, or you're dead.



"Any appropriate sentiment you wish to have enclosed with it, sir?"

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I was jarred out of my preoccupation by Tom Lockman's voice. "Name of Curtis Dason," he was telling Eddie. "Got two brothers in that Long Bell outfit come along up from Texas with him — Jack and Mort. They claimed the body. I warned 'em to keep out of town."

Eddie got up. "I'll keep an eye out."

"Wait a minute, Eddie." Tom Lockman made a business of shuffling through some papers on his desk. "Dude Masserene was in town. Claims old Charlie Towner's been slow-elkin' him ag'in. Like you to go up there."

Eddie caught it quick, and so did I.

"No, you don't, Tom," Eddie said.

"Maybe I made a mistake," said Tom Lockman thinly. "Maybe it's you're the marshal here, and me just the deputy."

Eddie's mouth curved stubbornly. "It'll be my fight, Tom."

"The hell it will!" With a cranky jerk, Tom Lockman pushed back from his desk. "Now you listen to me. The Dasons all got a bad rep. You run into them two anywhere, you don't make no play with-out fetchin' me, you understand?"

"Tom's right, Eddie," I broke in. "You cool your saddle."

Eddie grinned at me meagerly. "Maybe you got one of your famous quotations, Counsellor," he suggested mockingly. "Something to wind up this little palaver all slick and legal-like?"

"I'll give you a quotation," I said. "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in the contemptible struggle."

It sounded pretty high-flown after I'd said it, and I felt myself flushing.

But Eddie was staring back at me with an intently serious look. "That's good, Bert. Damned good." And then before anybody could say another word, he put on his hat and went out.

A vague foreboding wound through me as I left my boarding house and started downstreet toward Camrose's, absently pocketing the urgently worded note the Judge had sent me a few moments before. Invitations to dine with the Judge were rare, and I thought I knew what had prompted this one.

I frowned as I hurried on down the darkening street. I was determined, now, on one thing. The Judge wasn't going to get any help from me, even if it meant sacrificing that eventual law partnership he'd promised me. Come hell or high water, I intended to stand by Eddie.

Camrose's Hotel Restaurant, with Camrose's Hotel Bar immediately adjoining it, prominently occupied the northeast corner of Main and South, and as I turned in at the bar entrance my glance touched idly on the horses tied at the long hitch rail alongside the board walk.

It wasn't until I was inside the saloon, and heading toward the double-width doorway at the end of the bar, which opened into the restaurant, that I had a sudden disturbed impression that I had noticed a Long Bell brand on one of the horses. The saloon, however, was quiet, and Eddie was nowhere in sight.

The Judge sat alone at the table nearest the doorway, and as I walked up to him, I had a shock. He looked deathly sick. His normally full and florid face had a startlingly haggard appearance, and I noticed that the plate of steak and French fries in front of him were untouched.

He glanced up vacantly at my approach.

"Thank you for coming, Tolbert. Thank you, thank you," he said, and then beckoned a waiter.

I told the waiter to make mine the same as the Judge's, and when he was gone the Judge abstractedly speared a snip of steak with his fork, swallowed it as if it was a lump of lead, and then looked across the table at me with the expression of a sick hound begging for a pat on the head.

"It's all over, Tolbert," he said abruptly.

I could see no point in pretending I didn't know what he was talking about. I hated to see him hurt this way, but he'd brought it on himself, and while I pitied him, I couldn't forget what he'd tried to do to Eddie.

I said: "I saw Ellie this afternoon, Sir. She wanted to leave you. Tom Lockman sent her back."

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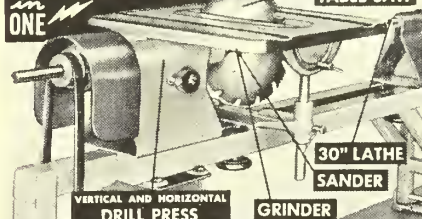
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listless gesture, he put down the fork and sagged back in his chair. "You and Burke were right, Tolbert . . . You can never plan the future by the past."

"Then try to make the best of it."

He didn't seem to hear me. "Tolbert, do you remember that part of Burke's speech on the Conciliation of America? The part where he says, 'Every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and prudent act, is founded on compromise and barter?'" He didn't wait for my answer. "I should have started compromising twenty years ago, Tolbert," he went on absently. "Tom Lockman was my best friend in those days. He held out his hand to me in friendship and I struck it away."

I looked at him and saw the blight of wasted years on his face, and could find no lightening words for the darkness.

"When Abby ran away with Roy Lockman," he resumed, before I could think of anything to say, "I felt disgraced. Everybody knew I had opposed Roy's suit, and Abby's clandestine manner of leaving town with him seemed like the final blow. I felt they had dragged my name in the mire and impugned my honor. Honor!" He laughed hollowly. "That chastity of honor which feels a stain like a wound . . ."

I recognized the line from Burke. I said softly: "Only there never was any stain, Judge. That was in your imagination."

Heavily, the Judge shook his head. "There was a stain, Tolbert — the stain of an old man's stubborn selfishness and false pride. And now I've lost Ellie."

He broke off abruptly. I think we both heard it at the same moment: a sudden rising hum of voices from the barroom, the sound of boots scuffling the floor in heavy unison, the brittle clatter of a kicked chair.

The Judge sprang up, and I stared across his shoulder into the barroom.

Eddie stood midway along the bar, facing the opposite bare wall. Con Nolander, the bartender, was on the sober side, near us, and I watched fascinated as his left hand moved furtively toward the shotgun canted against a collection of empty liquor cases stacked behind him. The tall, black-haired man who stood spraddle-legged in the opposite deep corner of the room spotted the movement and curtly arrested it.

"You, Johnny!" the man barked at Nolander. "Keep your hands in sight and move over here."

Con Nolander was starting out reluctantly from his station behind the bar when I saw the other one. Whip-lean and hawk-faced, like the man watching Nolander, he stood a few feet in from the street door, his level, unswerving gaze laid on Eddie.

My feet had the feeling of being bolted to the floor. The Dasons! And they had Eddie boxed. A sound like a hollow humming vibrated against my eardrums. Now you listen to me . . . you run into them two anywhere, you don't make no play without fetchin' me, you understand? The old fool! Couldn't he have known they might get Eddie cross-ripped?

It was like a tableau out there — a wax-works display — and then it fell apart, blew up. All I saw was the start of it — the tubby figure of the Judge, lunging ponderously for the shotgun canted there

at the end of the bar. I saw him reach it and duck down a split-second before the black-haired man fired. The bullet tore a thick splinter of cherrywood from the bar molding and popped it back against the back-bar mirror. Then the Judge had the shotgun up.

Through an eternity of seconds I counted four shots — the concussive roar of the shotgun, then the hard, slamming knock of .45s — a furious blare of sound.

I stumbled into the barroom. The silence pulsed, ached. I saw the man who had ordered Con Nolander out from the bar lying in a limp huddle, jammed against the far wall. I turned my head quickly. The blast from the Judge's shotgun had shredded his face beyond recognition. Then I saw Eddie and the hawk-faced man. Eddie was standing over him and waving the crowd back.

"Get a doctor, somebody," Eddie said.

I just seemed to be weaving around aimlessly when I felt my arm jerked and then somebody was pulling me back toward the dining room.

"Damn that waiter," grumbled the Judge. "Never brought your steak."

We sat down again at our table and I stared at him dazedly. His stiff white collar had popped loose from its collar button and was bent upward under his right ear, like a starched and jaunty plume. His black string tie was twisted around to the back of his neck, where it dropped witheredly.

Words were rattling crazily about in my head, like dried seeds in a gourd. *Weigh and deliberate . . . Kill or be killed . . . A brainless machine.*

The Judge seemed to read my thoughts. He cleared his throat.

"I did my weighing and deliberating, Tolbert — uh — this afternoon."

"Yes, Sir. I — I judged you had, Sir."

"I tried to hoodwink Ellie, but I'd made up my mind then to retreat. All I needed was some face-saving device." He was fussing with his collar, trying to get it rebuttined. Suddenly the other side popped loose. He wrenched it off and dropped it absently to the floor. "You are familiar, I believe, Tolbert, with Burke's observation on the human mind — 'the march of the human mind is slow?'"

"But it does march, Sir."

"Painfully, Tolbert, painfully." He beckoned a waiter and ordered coffee. That was what I needed — coffee that would float an ax. We were just finishing it when I saw the tall, shambling figure of Tom Lockman moving across the dining room. For a minute, I wasn't sure. Then he turned and started directly toward our table.

Reaching it, he came up behind me and laid his hands on my shoulders. "You old fool," he said in a flat, distinct tone to the Judge.

Judge Andrew Jackson Strong turned pale with emotion. "Sit down, Thomas," he said huskily, and pulled out a chair. He began plucking nervously at his prominent under-lip. He filled his lungs with air. Then it shot out of him like a withering discharge of grape-shot. "I have a bone to pick with you, Thomas. Why haven't you spoken to me in twenty years?" he demanded testily. THE END

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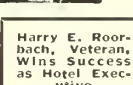
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The inhabitants of a very small town, after a lot of trouble, had finally obtained a postoffice. It was situated in the General Store and the owner of the store was appointed the postmaster.

But every day complaints about the non-arrival of letters came to the new postmaster. At last he got exasperated and pointing to a corner of the store he said:

"Look, there's the mail bag. It's not half full yet and it's just a waste of time to send it away until I've got it filled!"

— DAVE CASTLE

DEFINITION

Pedestrian — a man who has three grown children and one car.

— JOSEPH BECKMAN, JR.

DIVERSE DRIVERS

*I sneer at women drivers;
I'm justified because
They do not drive as I do —
For they break different laws.*

— BOB DOWNER

CLEAR CONSCIENCE

At the end of every examination paper in a certain school, students were required to sign a statement that they had neither given nor received any help during the test. One boy lingered after the others



and when he was asked what the trouble was, replied that he did not know whether he could sign or not. He said that he had prayed for help in the examination and did not know whether he had received it or not.

The teacher looked over his paper. Turning to him, she said gently: "I think you can sign."

— DAN BENNETT

DENTURE DILEMMA

*Now dentures don't have
What it takes
For masticating
Chops and steaks!*

— E. E. MARSHALL

BLIMEY!

We who served in England can well understand why our British cousins are such great tea drinkers. We Yanks, too, tried to drink their coffee.

— HERB SMITH

RIPPLING RHYTHM

This incident is said to have occurred several years ago, but the story has just recently leaked out.

A group of the nation's legislators having a "bull session" finally got around to discussing a concert which most of them had attended the night before. One well-known midwesterner was very lavish in

his praise of the artist's technical skill and ability.

"I didn't know you were musically inclined, Senator," one of his colleagues remarked.

"Oh, yes," replied the Senator. "In fact, even when I was just a small boy I showed considerable musical ability. I remember one spring we had a terrible flood. The water swept across the land carrying everything before it, even our house. I remember seeing my father float downstream on a bed..."

"That's all very interesting," one of his listeners interrupted, "but what's it got to do with your musical ability?"

"Well, you see," said the Senator, breaking into his infectious grin, "I accompanied him on the piano!"

— HUGH THOMAS

NO QUARTER

Somebody's slipped me, some slippery crook,

*A Canadian quarter — I just didn't look.
I'm rueful, I'm wrathful, I mutter things rash*

Of the fellow who foisted upon me such cash.

So the coin kicks around in my purse for a week,

Amongst all the rest it's a fraud and a freak.

Till the day comes at last, when by guile or by luck

I pass it along — and the next guy is stuck!

— RICHARD ARMOUR

TALES NO MOTHER SHOULD TELL

Once upon a time, on a stormy Sunday morning, a Conscientious Mother gathered her Three Little Daughters around her for a Character Talk. It was snowing too hard for them to get to Sunday School.

The Little Girls sat demurely at their mother's feet and took out their knitting in order to keep their Little Hands busy while their Little Minds followed their mother's words.

"Look, my pets," said the Mother. "Today I would like to talk to you about Work. Whenever you have a Job to do, no matter how simple, give it All You've Got. Don't stop at doing just what's expected. Go further. Do a little More. Always strive to go One Small Step beyond the call of Duty. That will win you the Thanks and Admiration of Those you work for. You will be known for your exceptional work, and you will be sought after by Those who appreciate Conscientiousness."

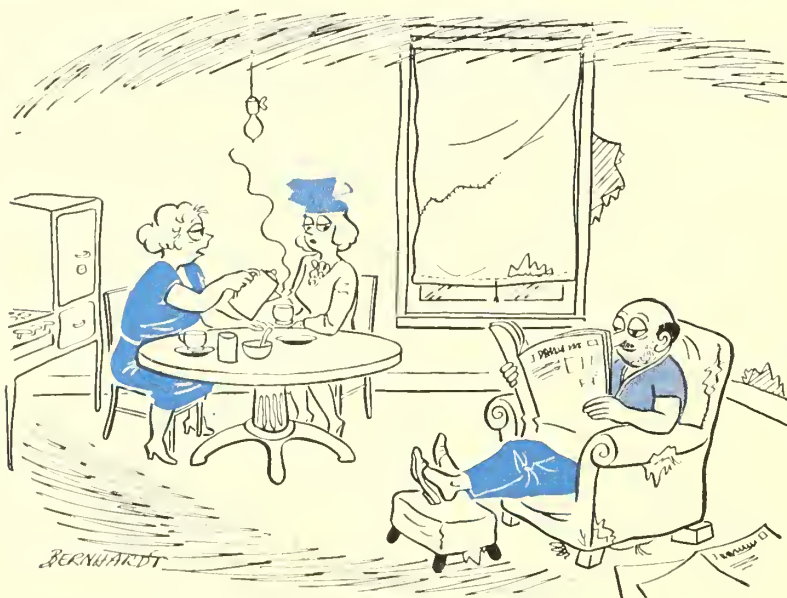
As she spoke, the Children kept on knitting. Their Eyes were lowered upon their Handiwork and their Foreheads were puckered in concentration upon what their Mother was saying. At the end of the Talk, the Woman gave her Daughters a few sweet kisses on the back of their Necks and they, in turn, presented her with the Gloves they had finished making — each with Six Fingers.

— ALMA DENNY

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